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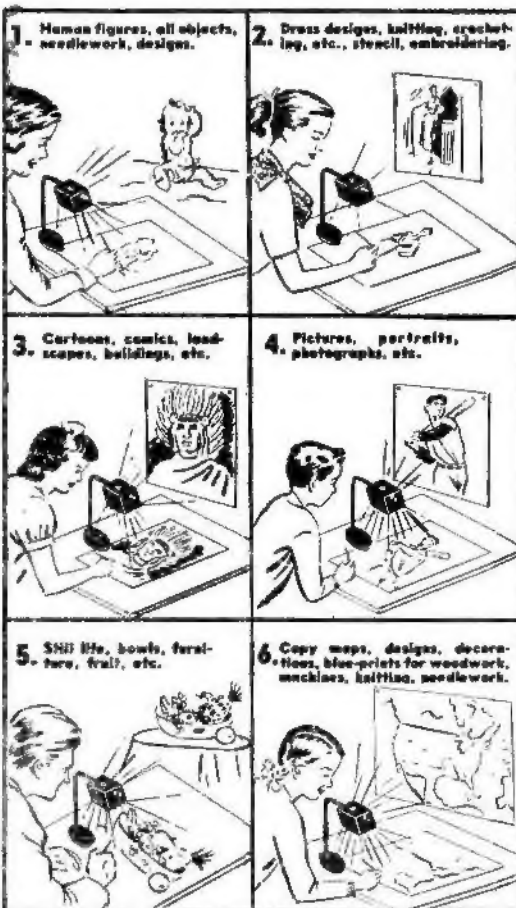
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**HOW I ROBBED THE NATIONAL BANK**  
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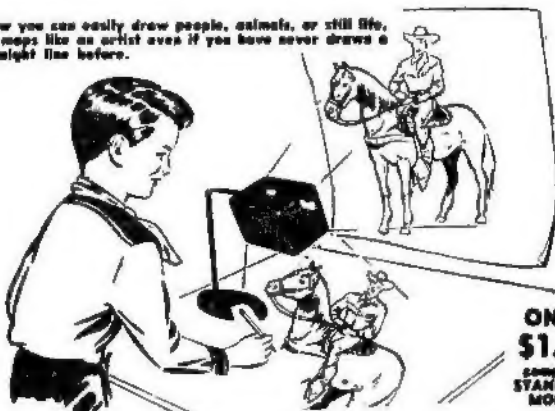
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 PRINCE OF CRIME -- WITH A  
 BRAND-NEW GIMMICK UP HIS  
 TRICKY SLEEVE -- A **NEWSPAPER**  
 ALL HIS OWN! THERE'S A  
**THRILL** WITH EVERY EDITION --  
 AND A **SHOCK** FOR **BATMAN** AND  
**ROBIN THE BOY WONDER** --  
 AS THE **JOKER** TURNS ON THE  
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 NEVER BEEN TURNED ON BEFORE!  
 YES -- READ ALL ABOUT IT -- IN  
 THE STORY CALLED --

**THE JOKER'S JOURNAL!**

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THE JOKER  
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AND  
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ONE DAY IN STATE PRISON, WHERE THE JOKER, INFAMOUS CLOWN OF CRIME, IS SERVING OUT A SENTENCE...

WELL, JOKER, NOW THAT JERVIS IS FREE, THE PRISON PAPER NEEDS A NEW EDITOR--AND I'VE DECIDED **YOU'RE** THE MAN! YOU'RE EDUCATED--AND YOU'VE BEEN AROUND--YOU CAN MAKE THIS A FINE PAPER!



OF COURSE, I WILL CHECK EVERY STORY BEFORE YOU USE IT. REMEMBER--THE THEME MUST **ALWAYS** BE "YOU CAN'T BEAT THE LAW!"

HMPH! IMAGINE **ME**, THE **JOKER** PREACHING AGAINST THE EVILS OF CRIME! WHAT IRONY!



DAYS PASS--AND THE JOKER BECOMES A NEWS-PAPERMAN WHO SUFFERS THROUGH EVERY EDITION AS HE PRINTS NEWS OF THE LAW'S TRIUMPHS OVER THE UNDERWORLD...

"COPS NAB SAFE-CRACKER!" "FORGER TRACKED DOWN BY F.B.I.," "GUNMAN WOUNDED BY TROOPER!" BAH! IT KILLS ME TO RUN THESE STORIES!



TERRIFIC EDITORIAL YOU WROTE YESTERDAY, JOKER! HAW!

WHAT A JOKE THIS IS ON YOU! HA-HA! HAVING TO PRAISE THE COPS IN PRINT! HA-HA!

I'LL GET EVEN! I'LL MAKE THEM WISH THEY NEVER LET ME GET **CLOSE** TO THIS NEWS-PAPER!



THE JOKER'S CHANCE COMES SOONER THAN HE HOPES! FOR, WHEN A MURDER TRIAL IN GOTHAM CITY REQUIRES HIS PRESENCE AS A WITNESS...

ALL RIGHT, JOKER, IN YOU GO--AND NO TRICKS!

GOING BY CAR, AS I THOUGHT! HA-HA--MY MEN WILL BE WAITING!

HURRY BACK, JOKER! I CAN'T WAIT FOR YOUR NEXT EDITION! HAW!



AN HOUR LATER, ON THE HIGHWAY TOWARD GOTHAM CITY, AS THE POLICE LIMOUSINE PASSES A TRUCK MANNED BY THE JOKER'S HENCHMEN...

SMOKE--FROM THAT TRUCK! OH--HA-HA-HA--! HO-HO-HO-HO!



PERFECT! THE **LAUGHING GAS** HAS RENDERED MY GUARDS HELPLESS! I'M SAFE--THANKS TO NOSE FILTERS! AND NOW TO ESCAPE AND **LEAVE THEM LAUGHING, IN TRUE JOKER FASHION!**

SOME TIME LATER, WHEN THE JOKER ARRIVES AT A BRAND-NEW HIDEOUT...

HERE IT IS, BOSS! BATMAN AND ROBIN GOT WISE TO THE OLD HIDEOUT--BUT THEY'LL NEVER FIND THIS ONE!

EXCELLENT! EXCELLENT! YOU'VE FITTED IT OUT PERFECTLY! HA-HA! IT'S GRAND TO BE HOME!

BUT WHEN THE MADCAP JESTER TAKES INVENTORY OF HIS HOLDINGS...

YEAH--MORE OF BATMAN'S DOING! HE TOOK EVERYTHING! BUT DON'T WORRY, BOSS! A FEW JOBS-- AND THE THESE ROOMS WILL BE FULL AGAIN!

MY GOLD-- SILVER--JEWELS-- CURRENCY--GONE! I'M PENNILESS!

LATER THAT NIGHT, WHEN THE JOKER HOLDS A MEETING WITH HIS MEN TO TELL THEM OF HIS PLANS...

DID YOU SAY NO JOBS, BOSS? NO CRIMES? ARE YOU CRAZY?

YOU HEARD ME! INSTEAD, I'M GOING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SKILLS TAUGHT ME IN PRISON! I'M GOING TO START A NEWSPAPER! HA-HA-HA!

LOOK, BOSS--WE KNOW YOU WANT TO GET EVEN WITH THEM COPS FOR MAKIN' YOU RUN THAT PRISON PAPER! BUT FIRST THING FIRST! WE'RE BROKE!

DON'T WORRY! MY PAPER WILL COIN MONEY FOR US! WAIT TILL YOU SEE HOW IT WORKS! HO, HO, HO!

A FEW DAYS LATER... IN THE HOME OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

FUNNY WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM THE JOKER!

IT IS ODD, PARTICULARLY SINCE WE KNOW HE HASN'T ANY MONEY! BUT I DARE SAY WE'LL BE HEARING FROM HIM, SOON!

LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE, LAIR OF BATMAN AND ROBIN...

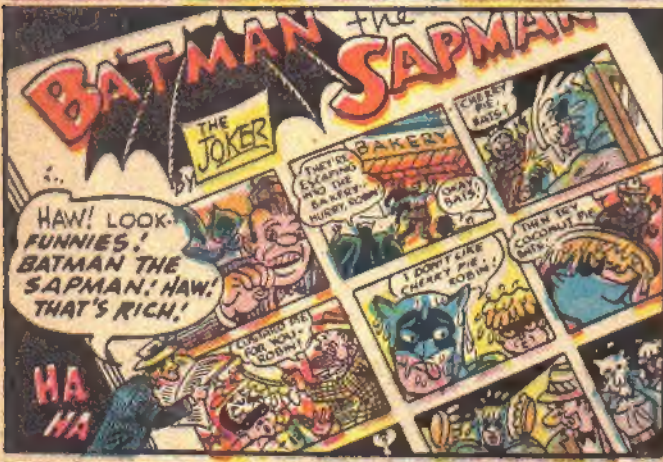
WELL, THAT DOES IT! THE DUST ANALYSIS COMMISSIONER GORDON WANTED FOR THE PERRY TRIAL IS FINISHED!

AND THAT LEAVES OUR DECKS CLEARED FOR ACTION-- WITH OUR OLD FRIEND, THE JOKER!

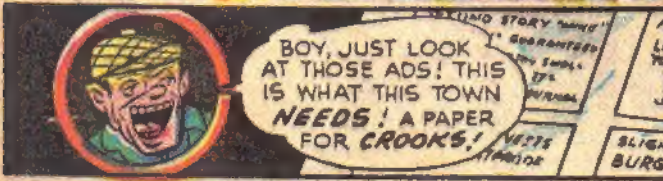
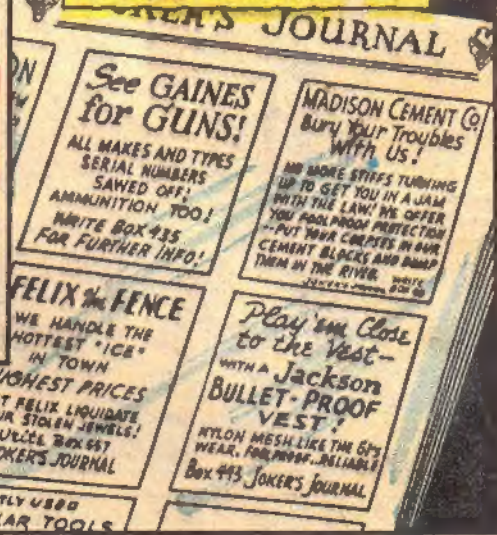
NEXT DAY, IN A GOTHAM CITY SLUM SECTION HABITUALLY VISITED BY THE UNDERWORLD...

READ ALL ABOUT IT! JOKER MAKES FOOL OF COPS IN DARING ESCAPE! GET YOUR COPIES OF THE JOKER'S JOURNAL!

THE JOKER'S JOURNAL? HEY-- I WANNA LOOK AT THAT PAPER!



AND, AS THE REST OF THE PAPER IS EAGERLY INSPECTED...



# The INQUISITIVE REPORTER

QUESTION: "WHO DO YOU HATE MORE--BATMAN OR ROBIN?" ASKED ALONG FINNEGAN'S ALLEY

**BITSY HOGAN**  
OCCUPATION--BOOKMAKER

"Batman! Robin's just a punk kid--but that Batman--I'd like to tie his neck up in knots!"

**BLINKERS HOLDEN**  
NO OCCUPATION

"Robin! There's a pesky kid if I ever saw one! Batman is tough--but that kid surprises you! I hate the punk!"

**DANNY TROVERS--**  
CONFIDENCE MAN  
"Batman, the rat! He cost me plenty! I say--murder him!"

**JUMBO COLLINS**  
OCCUPATION--PICKPOCKET  
"Robin! He's plenty bothersome! When Batman was laid up, the kid took over alone! He nailed me! I don't forget that!"

**"LIVID" LEEDS**  
OCCUPATION--BODYGUARD  
"Batman, of course! The kid just takes orders from the big guy. Batman should only drop dead, that's all!"



THEN, AS THE CROOKS TURN ANOTHER PAGE OF THE FABULOUS **JOKER'S JOURNAL**...

SAAAY! LOOKIT THAT! WOW! THIS WILL REVOLUTIONIZE CRIME!

AND HOW! LEMME GET A CLOSER LOOK!



AND THIS IS WHAT THE CRIMINAL READ...

# CLASSIFIED ADS

CRIMES FOR SALE--HAND-PICKED BY THE JOKER

ON THIS PAGE YOU'LL FIND AN ASSORTMENT OF CRIMES, ALL SET UP BY THE JOKER! SEND IN THE FEE, AND THE JOKER WILL SEND YOU COMPLETE, FOOLPROOF PLANS! ACT NOW!

**BANK--\$400,000 POSSIBILITIES!**

GOOD SPOT FOR THE RIGHT MEN---3 OR 4 CAN HANDLE.

JOKER'S FEE: \$2500.00

WRITE FOR PLAN 355 B

PRIVATE HOME--WALL SAFE JOB--\$30,000 CASH FOR SHREWD LONE WOLF.

JOKER'S FEE: \$1000. Write for PLAN 604W

HOTEL ON PARK AVE.

**JEWELRY STORE--**

TAKE UNLIMITED A TWO-MAN JOB

JOKER'S FEE \$850.00

WRITE FOR PLAN 355 B

STOP

I'VE GOT A PLAN, COM-MISSIONER! I'LL GET TO THE JOKER--BUT I WON'T SHUT HIM DOWN! I'LL JOIN HIM--AND LET HIM LEAD ME TO THE BIGGEST CROOKS IN TOWN!



BOY! I'M GONNA INVEST IN ONE OF THESE PLANS PRONTO!

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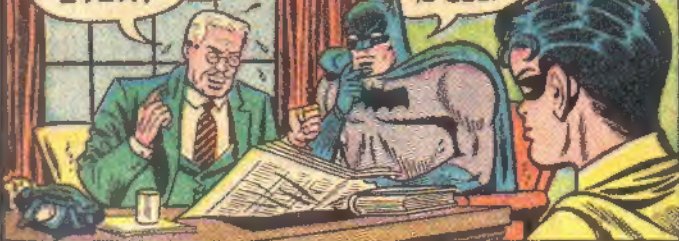
4 MEN CAN HANDLE IT--THIS ONE IS A PUSHOVER.

JOKER'S FEE: \$1,000

WRITE FOR PLAN 463M

MEANWHILE, AS A COPY OF THE **JOKER'S JOURNAL** REACHES COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

THIS IS SERIOUS, **BATMAN!** YOU'VE GOT TO GET TO THE JOKER--AND **SHUT DOWN THIS PAPER!** IT COULD LEAD TO THE WORST CRIME WAVE EVER!

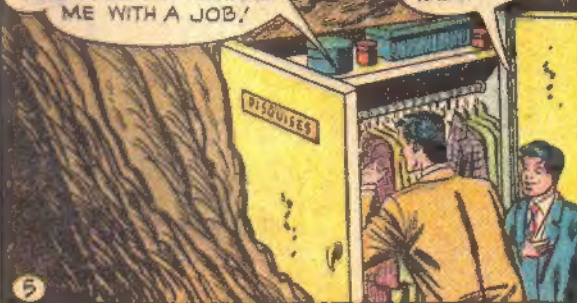


HMM--A CLEVER SET-UP! THE JOKER APPARENTLY SENT CODE BOOKS THROUGHOUT THE UNDERWORLD. THOSE BOX NUMBERS ARE IN CODE--AND INDICATE TO THE CROOKS WHICH MAILING ADDRESS TO USE!

THAT NIGHT, BRUCE PUTS THE FIRST PHASE OF HIS PLAN INTO ACTION!

EVERY NEWSPAPER LOVES A SCOOP! I'M GOING TO GIVE ONE TO THE JOKER, AND MAKE HIM REWARD ME WITH A JOB!

IN THAT WAY YOU HOPE TO FIND THE HIDE-OUTS OF SOME BIG-TIME CROOKS! A GREAT IDEA!

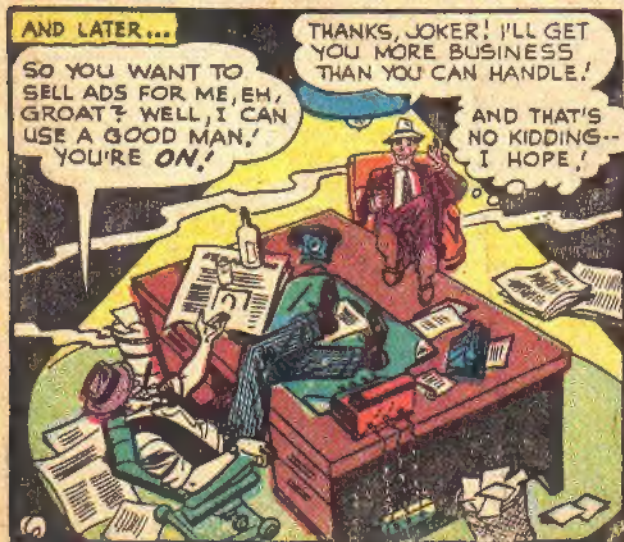
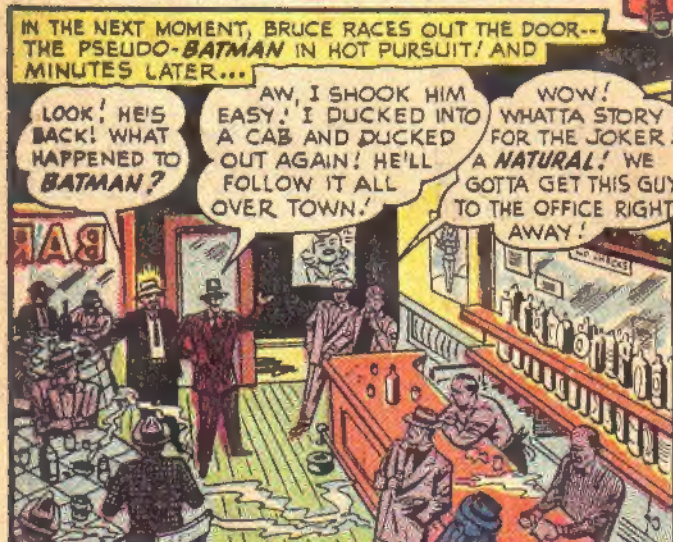
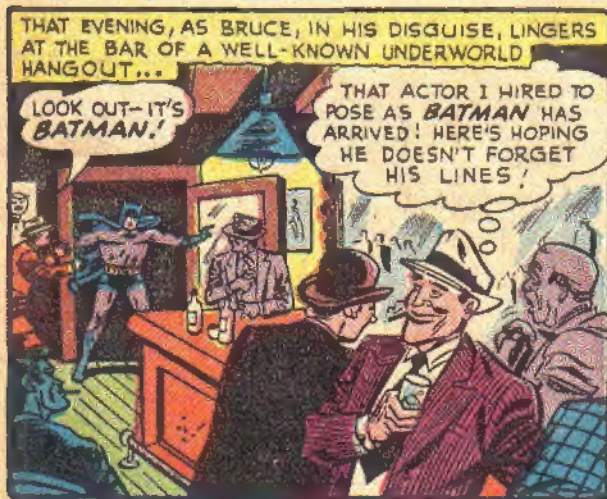


AND, SOON AFTER...

WELL, HERE I GO, DICK--AS "KNUCKLES" GROAT OUT OF KANSAS CITY! AND JUST SPOILING FOR SOME PUBLICITY!

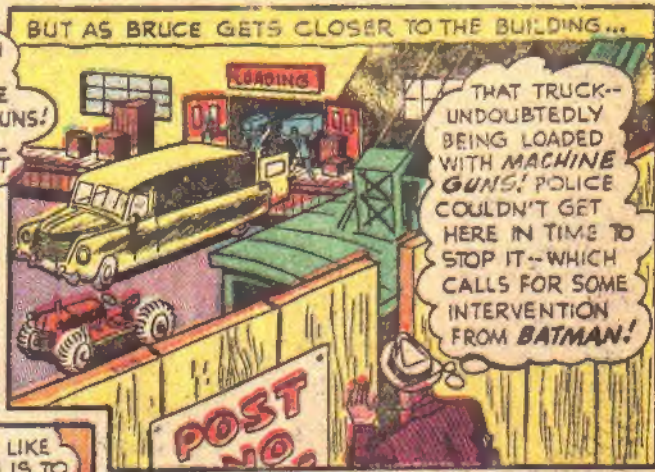
GOOD LUCK! AND DON'T FORGET TO KEEP IN TOUCH VIA YOUR BELT RADIO!







SO *THIS* IS THE FRONT BEHIND WHICH RACKETEER DOOLEY JOSS OPERATES! HERE'S WHERE HE PEDDLES HIS SUB-MACHINE GUNS! WELL, A QUICK PHONE CALL TO HEADQUARTERS WILL PUT A STOP TO THIS!



THAT TRUCK-- UNDOUBTEDLY BEING LOADED WITH *MACHINE GUNS*! POLICE COULDN'T GET HERE IN TIME TO STOP IT-- WHICH CALLS FOR SOME INTERVENTION FROM *BATMAN*!



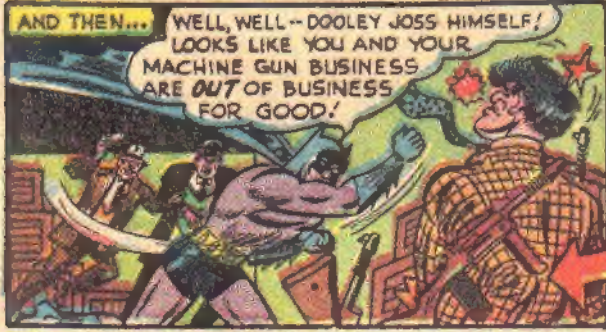
A DASH FOR A NEARBY PLACE OF CONCEALMENT, A LIGHTNING-QUICK CHANGE OF GARB--AND THE FAMED *BATMAN*, IS READY TO STRIKE!

LOOK OUT! IT'S *BATMAN*! HURRY, PETE-- WE GOTTA GET OUTA HERE!

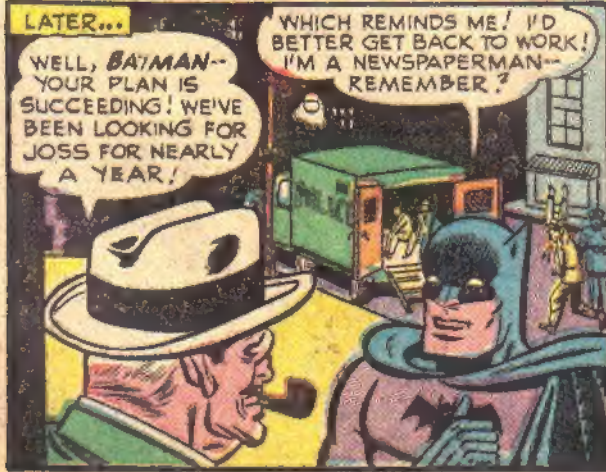
HMM! LOOKS LIKE MY FIRST JOB IS TO TAKE CARE OF THAT TRUCK! AND I KNOW JUST HOW TO DO IT!



THAT'S BETTER! NOW TO KEEP THEM ON ICE, WHILE I SEE IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER RATS AROUND!



WELL, WELL-- DOOLEY JOSS HIMSELF! LOOKS LIKE YOU AND YOUR MACHINE GUN BUSINESS ARE *OUT OF BUSINESS* FOR GOOD!



WELL, *BATMAN*-- YOUR PLAN IS SUCCEEDING! WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR JOSS FOR NEARLY A YEAR!

WHICH REMINDS ME! I'D BETTER GET BACK TO WORK! I'M A NEWSPAPERMAN-- REMEMBER?

A FINE MESS WE'VE GOT OURSELVES INTO! *BATMAN'S* HUNG US UP-- BUT GOOD!

AND BACK AT THE JOKER'S HIDEOUT, AS BRUCE, IN DISGUISE, MAKES HIS REPORT...

... AND THEN, ALL OF A SUDDEN THERE WAS **BATMAN!**

CONFOUND THAT **BATMAN!** EVERY TIME HE SHUTS DOWN A CROOK, HE CUTS INTO A SOURCE OF MY REVENUE! I MUST DEAL WITH HIM--AND I THINK I KNOW HOW!



THEN, AS THE CRIME CLOWN INDICATES A FILING CABINET TO BRUCE...

SEE THIS, GROAT? IT CONTAINS PLANS FOR CRIMES! NOT ORDINARY CRIMES, WHICH I'VE BEEN SELLING TO CROOKS--BUT **SUPER-PLANS**--EACH ONE A GEM--AND PRICELESS!



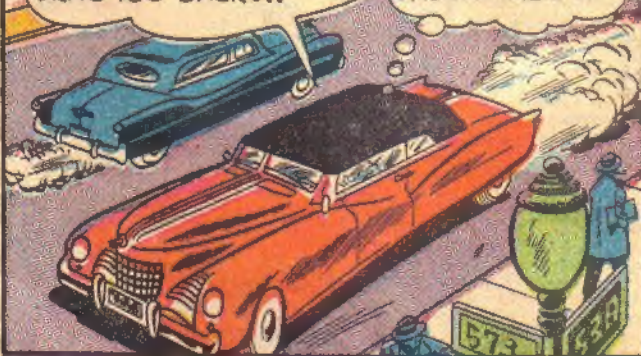
**HA-HA!** THE FILE ISN'T COMPLETE YET-- BUT WHEN IT IS, I'M GOING TO GIVE THE PLANS AWAY **FREE**-- IN **ONE SPECIAL EDITION** OF MY PAPER! CRIME WILL **ERUPT** ALL OVER THE CITY SIMULTANEOUSLY--AND **BATMAN** WILL BE HELPLESS! **HO-HO-HO!**



NEXT DAY, AS BRUCE ONCE AGAIN TAKES UP HIS TRADE AS AD SALESMAN FOR THE JOKER...

THE JOKER'S IN A HURRY FOR CHICAGO BILLY'S ADVERTISING--SO WE'LL DRIVE YOU THERE TO PICK IT UP--AND THEN DRIVE YOU BACK...

HMM--I HADN'T COUNTED ON THIS--BUT MAYBE I CAN **WORK** IT TO MY ADVANTAGE...



AND TWENTY MINUTES LATER, WHEN THE CAR ROLLS TO A STOP, BRUCE'S HANDS QUIETLY SLIP TO THE DIALS OF HIS CONCEALED BELT RADIO...

OKAY, GROAT--HERE WE ARE...

WOW! CHICAGO BILLY SURE HAS MADE A FOOL OUT OF THE COPS IN THIS TOWN--ALL THE WAY FROM **BATMAN** TO **ROBIN!**



AND AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN THE HIDDEN RECESSES OF THE **BAT-CAVE**...

... YES, I SAID **BATMAN** TO **ROBIN!** IMAGINE THE **SUPER-DUPER DOG FOOD CO.** BEING THE FRONT FOR CHICAGO BILLY'S SMUGGLING RACKET! WHAT A LAUGH!

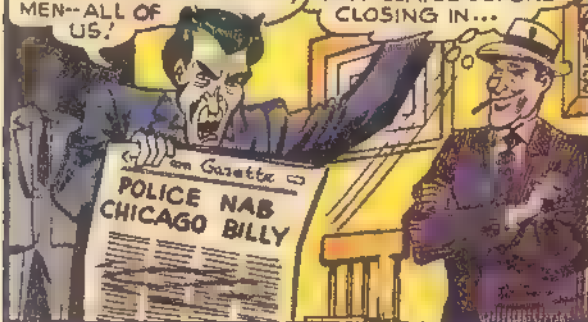


THAT'S IT! NOW TO GET TO GORDON AND ARRANGE A LITTLE RAID!

AND THAT NIGHT...

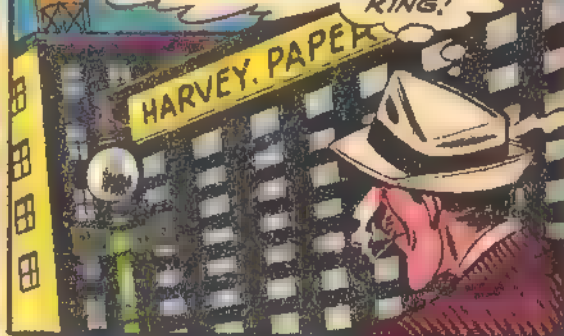
ANOTHER GOOD CUSTOMER LOST, AND THE OPPOSITION PAPERS ARE GETTING THE HEADLINES! WE'VE GOT TO DO BETTER, MEN--ALL OF US!

THE JOKER HASN'T CONNECTED ME YET WITH HIS LOST CUSTOMERS, BUT I'D BETTER BE CAREFUL! NEXT TIME I SPOT A CROOK'S HIDEOUT, I'LL LET A FEW DAYS ELAPSE BEFORE CLOSING IN...



THEN, A FEW DAYS LATER...

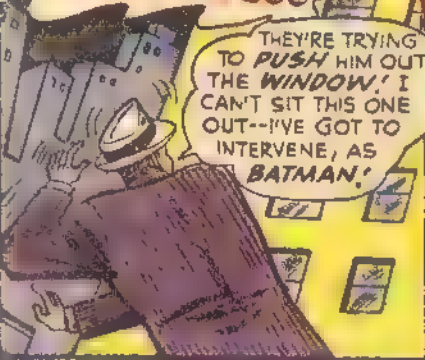
A PAPER FACTORY, COMPLETE EVEN TO THOSE TRUCKS FULL OF RAGS TO BE MADE INTO PAPER, AND ALL A FRONT FOR THE NATION'S BIGGEST COUNTERFEIT RING!



ALL AT ONCE...

**HELP! MURDER!**

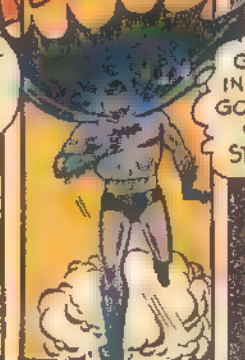
THEY'RE TRYING TO PUSH HIM OUT THE WINDOW! I CAN'T SIT THIS ONE OUT--I'VE GOT TO INTERVENE, AS BATMAN!



AND MOMENTS LATER...

**HELP! HELP!**

I'D NEVER GET UP TO HIM IN TIME! I'VE GOT TO USE OTHER STRATEGY!

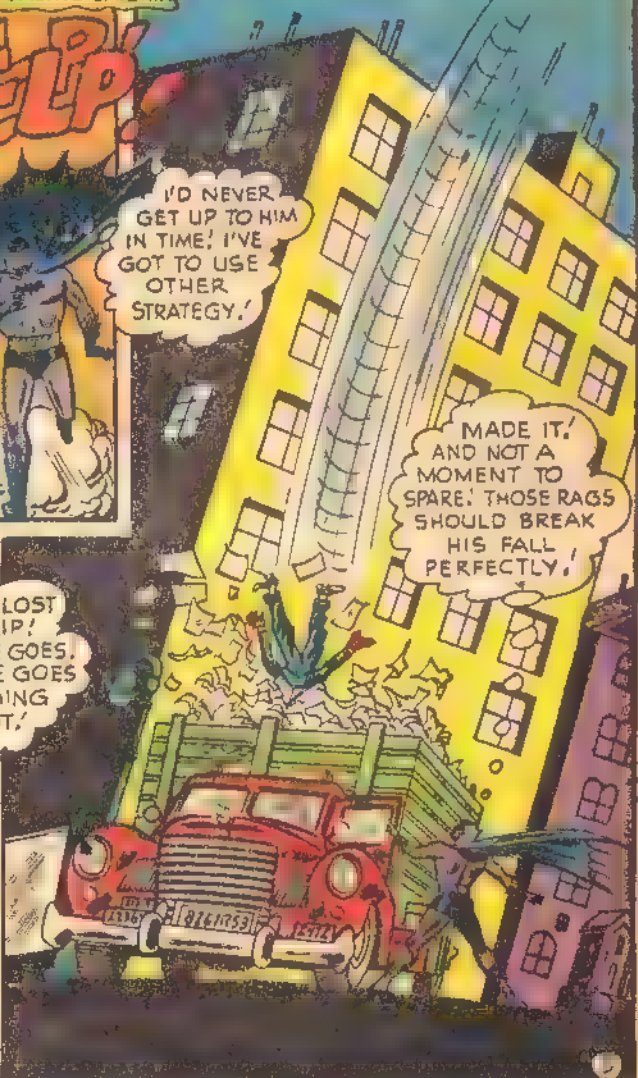


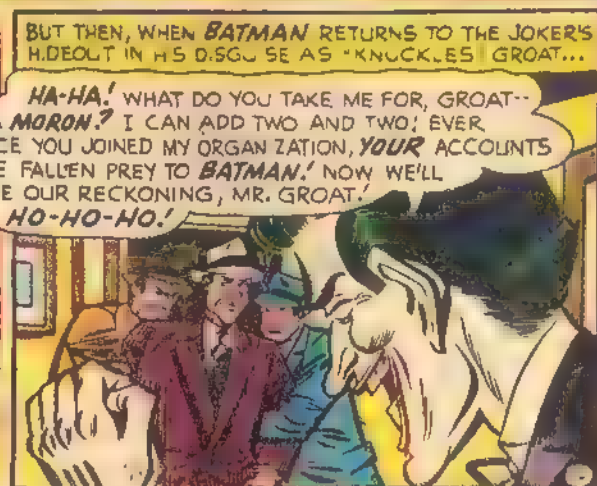
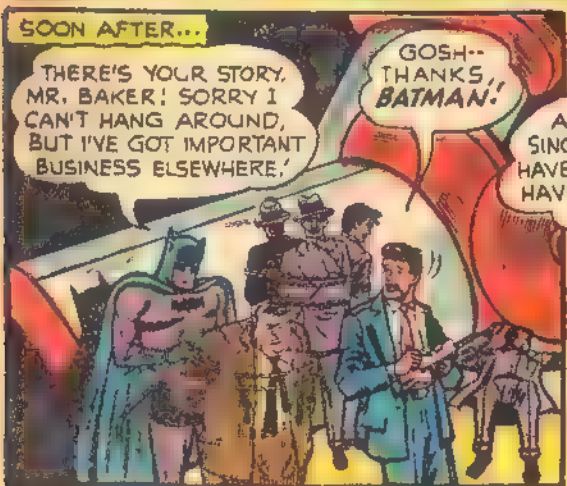
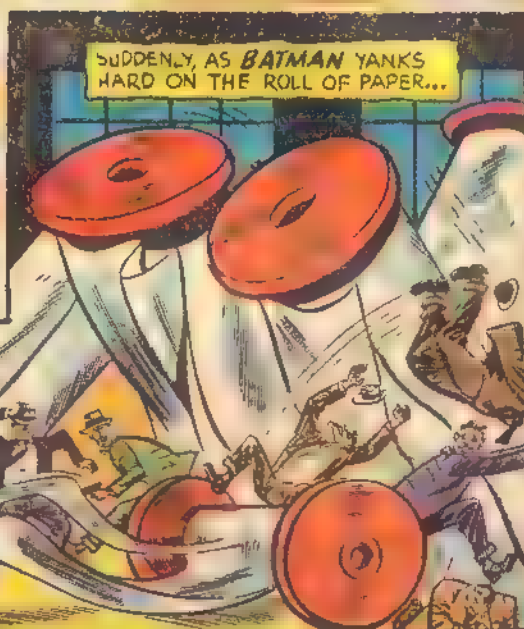
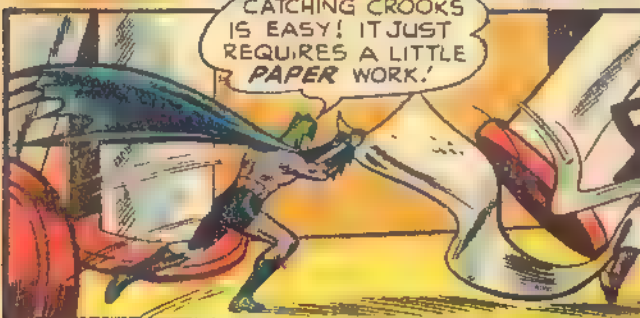
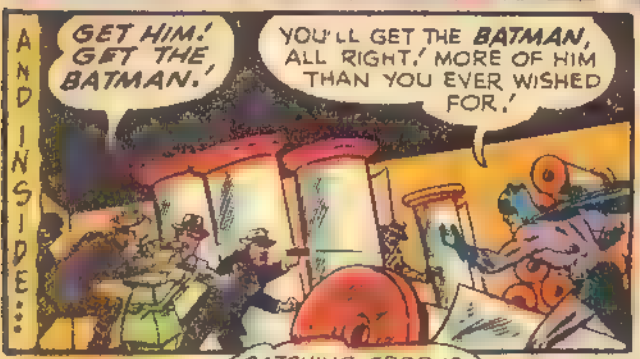
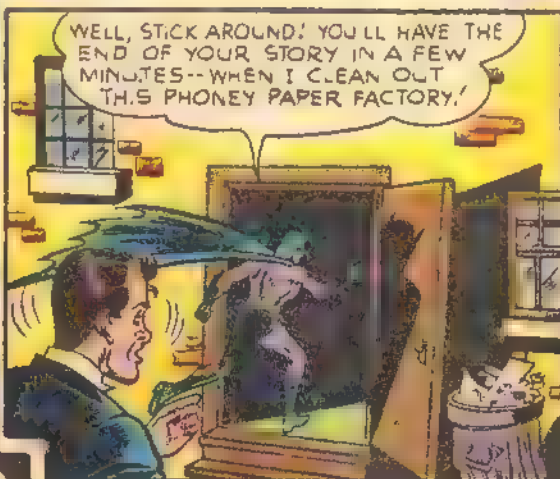
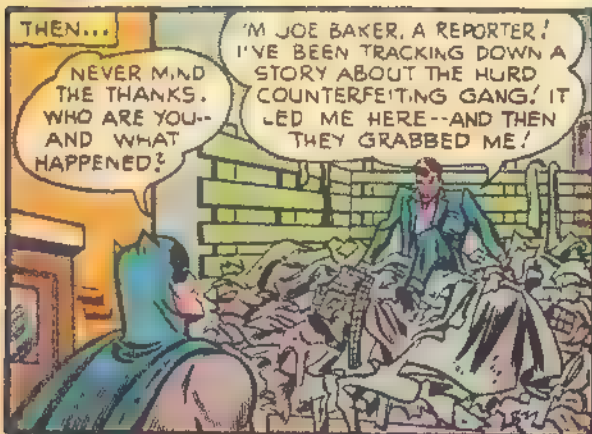
THEN, AS THE LAWMAN MOVES WITH LIGHTNING SPEED...



HE'S LOST HIS GRIP! THERE HE GOES, AND HERE GOES EVERYTHING I'VE GOT!

MADE IT! AND NOT A MOMENT TO SPARE! THOSE RAGS SHOULD BREAK HIS FALL PERFECTLY!







# DETECTIVE COMICS



THE JOKER RIPS OFF BATMAN'S DISGUISE, REVEALING THE LAWMAN UNDERNEATH! THEN...

"IT'S BATMAN ALL RIGHT, I GOT HIS CUFFY BELT, JOKER! NOW RIP OFF THE BATMAN MASK AND LET'S SEE WHO HE REALLY IS!"

"NO! HA-HA! I WANT BATMAN TO SUFFER FIRST. I'M GOING TO MAKE HIM A NEWSPAPER-MAN! HE'S GOING TO HELP GET OUT OUR SPECIAL EDITION - AND START THE BIGGEST CRIME WAVE EVER!"

HO-HO!

YOU'LL DO AS I BID BATMAN-OR INNOCENT BYSTANDERS WILL BE KILLED. MY SHARP-SHOOTER WILL WING THE NEXT PERSON TO COME DOWN THE STREET-UNLESS YOU OBEY!

I'VE GOT TO PLAY ALONG!

IN THE NEXT MOMENT, THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE HUMS WITH ACTIVITY AS THE SPECIAL EDITION GOES TO PRESS!

BOY! HEY, BOY!

HEY, YOU DUMMY, GET MOVIN'!

HO-HO-HO! THEY'RE RUNNING BATMAN RAGGED. IMAGINE HIM AS A COPY BOY!

COPY BOY! OVER HERE!

AND AS BATMAN'S HOUNDED UNMERCIFULLY...

COME ON YOU CUB REPORTER! IN THIS BUSINESS YOU NEED A NOSE FOR NEWS! SO USE YOUR NOSE! HA-HA-HA!

C'MON, BATMAN-- THIS IS TO BE A COLUMN CALLED "ADVICE TO LONELY GUN MOLLS!"

HAW!

THEN...

HOW'S THIS FOR AN IDEA FOR A PICTURE ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE SPECIAL EDITION, BOSS?

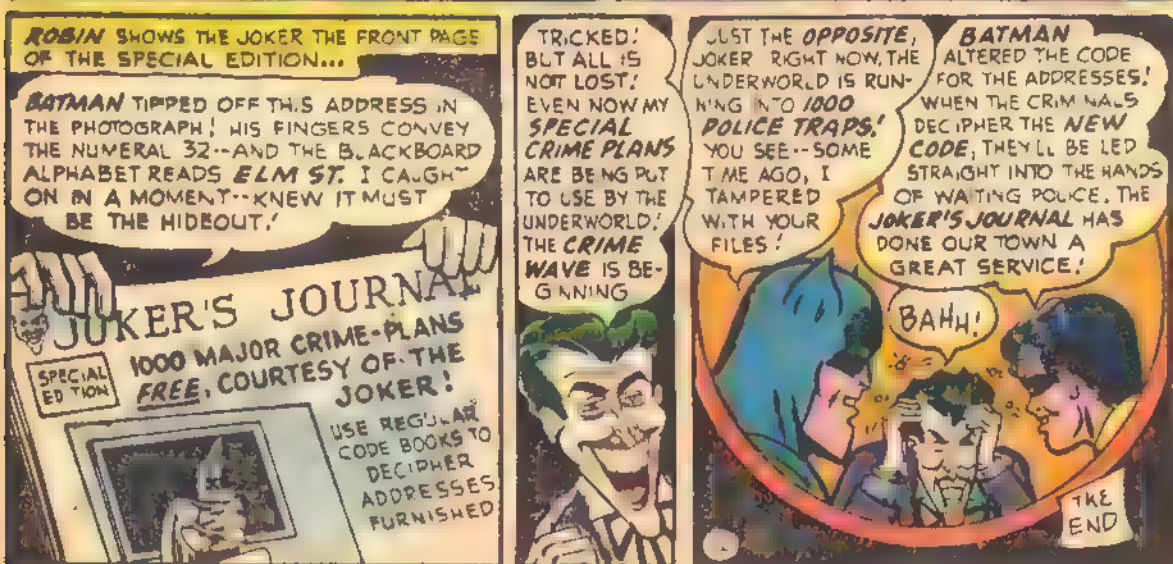
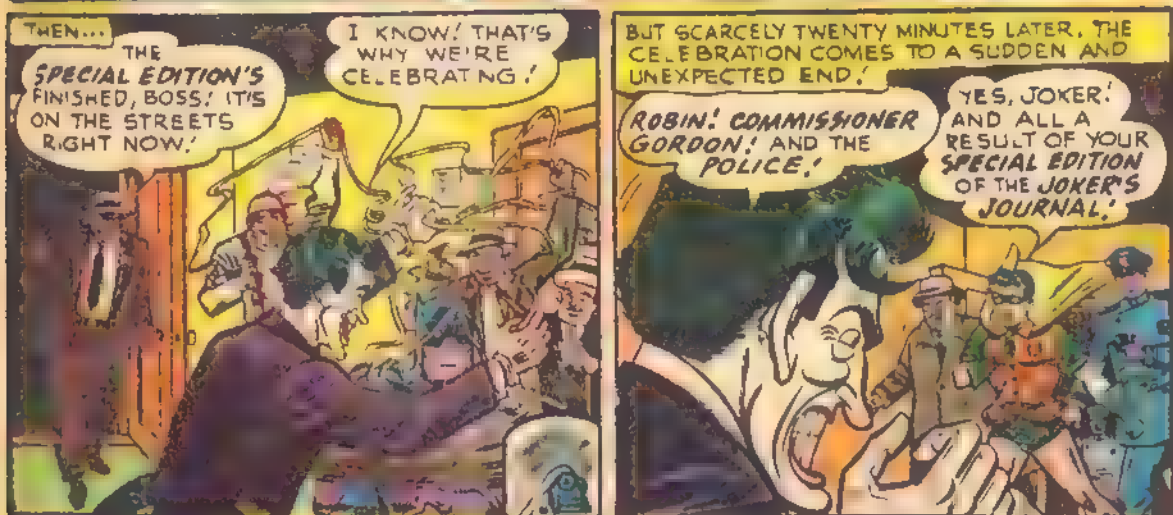
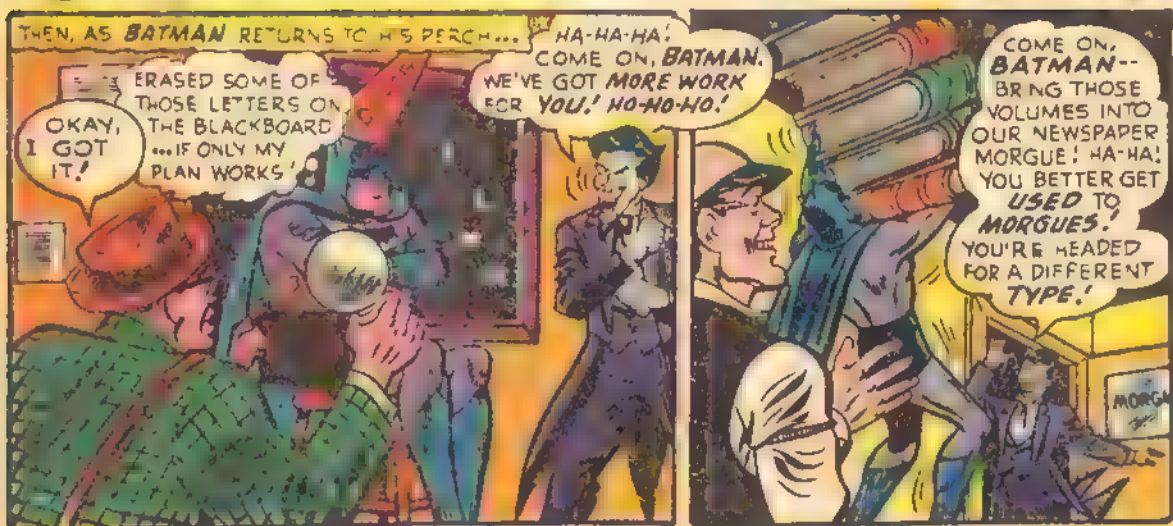
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ALL AT ONCE BATMAN TOPPLES BACK OFF THE DUNCE STOOL AGAINST THE BLACKBOARD. THEN...

YOU CLUMSY FOOL! NOW YOU'VE SPOILED THE BLACKBOARD WRITING AND WE HAVEN'T TIME TO FIX IT! GET BACK ON THAT STOOL.

I'VE NEVER SEEN BATMAN SO NERVOUS AND UNHAPPY!

DUNCE HA



# CASEY

## THE COP

UHM - BREAKING INTO A SAFE.

HANDS UP! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

AND...  
SARGE, THIS IS CASEY  
I CAUGHT TWO SAFE  
CRACKERS. SEND UP THE  
WAGON TO TAKE THEM IN!

THE WAGON'S OUT NOW.  
SHALL I SEND UP SOME  
MEN TO HELP YOU HOLD  
THEM UNTIL IT GETS  
BACK?

NO NEED TO, WE'LL  
WAIT THEY'RE SAFE  
IN MY HANDS!

GOODY  
TAFKY  
CO.

END

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### MEND THE BROKEN TOOTHPICK

This'll really stump folks! Have somebody mark a toothpick, then put it in the center of a handkerchief. Bunch up the handkerchief in your hand and have somebody in the crowd break the toothpick through the handkerchief. Now—shake the handkerchief and the toothpick will fall out—as good as new! The mark on it will prove it's the same one.



### HERE'S THE ANSWER:

You use 2 toothpicks and a handkerchief with a 1/4 hem. Before you do the trick, hide another toothpick in the hem of the handkerchief. When you gather up the marked toothpick inside the handkerchief, hold it in your hand and let the person who breaks the toothpick break the one in the hem of the handkerchief.

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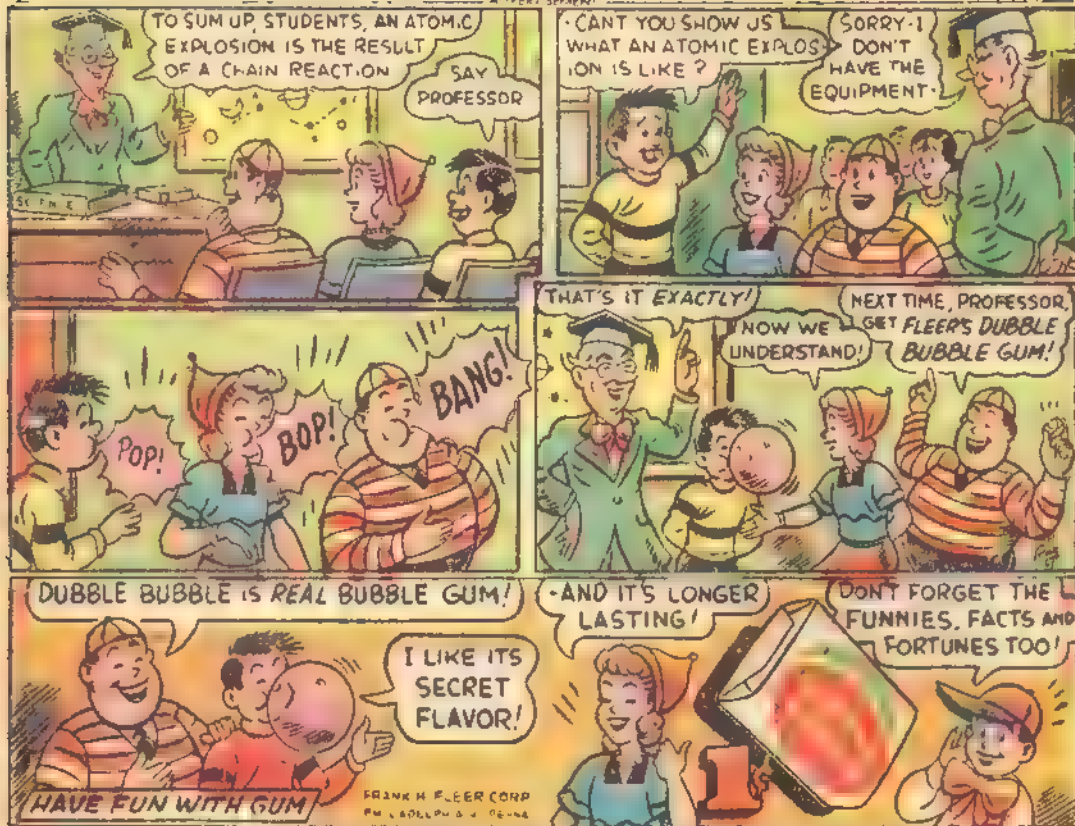


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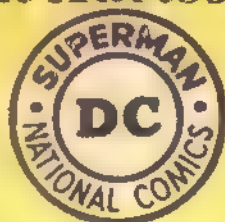
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# IMPOSSIBLE- BUT TRUE

CAN YOU IMAGINE A GREATER DEBUNKER OF DECEPTIONS THAN ROY RAYMOND, PRODUCER OF THE FAR-FAMED TV SHOW, "IMPOSSIBLE... BUT TRUE!"? YOU CAN'T? NEITHER COULD ROY UNTIL HE CAME FACE TO FACE WITH THE FABULOUS ROGER GRIMSHAW, THE WILY CHARACTER WHO BECAME...

## ROY RAYMOND'S RIVAL!

ISN'T ROGER GRIMSHAW TERRIFIC? HE'S THE PRODUCER OF THAT NEW SHOW, "FABULOUS PHONIES!"

IT'S THE SAME KIND OF PROGRAM AS ROY RAYMOND'S... ONLY MUCH BETTER!

IN THE STUDIO OF STATION WLAT, A FEW MINUTES BEFORE REHEARSALS ARE SLATED TO BEGIN FOR THE LATEST ROY RAYMOND "IMPOSSIBLE... BUT TRUE" TV SHOW...

WHY, ROY... HERE'S THE WRIST WATCH YOU LOST WEEKS AGO!

THEN, AS THE FIRST HOPEFUL APPLICANT STEPS FORWARD...

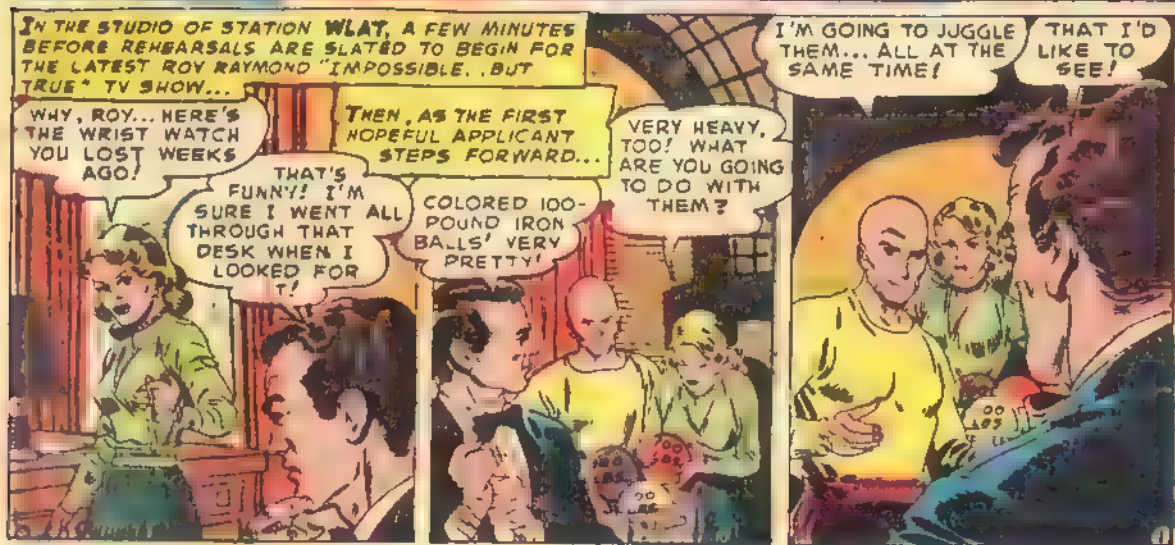
THAT'S FUNNY! I'M SURE I WENT ALL THROUGH THAT DESK WHEN I LOOKED FOR IT!

COLORFUL 100-POUND IRON BALLS! VERY PRETTY!

VERY HEAVY, TOO! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THEM?

I'M GOING TO JUGGLE THEM... ALL AT THE SAME TIME!

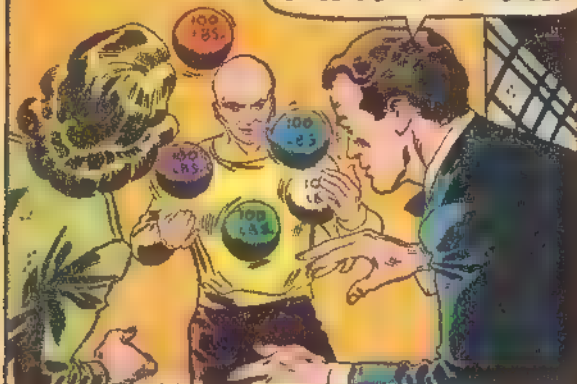
THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE!



THEN, TO ROY'S ASTONISHMENT...

R-ROY, WE'S  
ACTUALLY  
DOING IT!

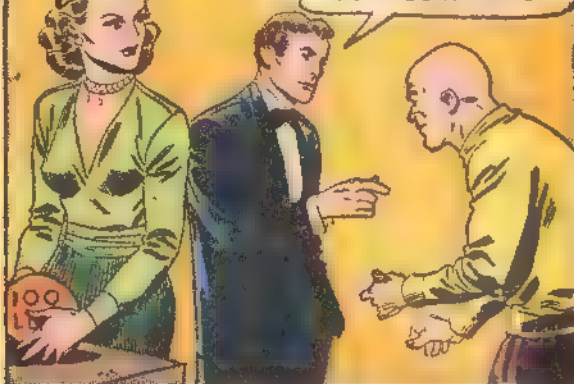
TAKE IT EASY, KAREN! WE'LL  
NO DOUBT FIND A HIGH-POWERED  
ELECTRO-MAGNET HIDDEN SOME-  
WHERE, WHICH WOULD LIGHTEN  
THE WEIGHT OF EACH  
BALL DOWN TO OUNCES!



BUT, AFTER A THOROUGH SEARCH...

THERE'S NOTHING  
HIDDEN IN THE BALL  
EITHER, ROY!

OKAY, MY FRIEND...  
YOU'RE ON THE SHOW!  
IT'S A GENUINE ODDITY  
...THE FIRST TIME ANY-  
ONE HAS EVER JUGGLED  
100-POUND BALLS!



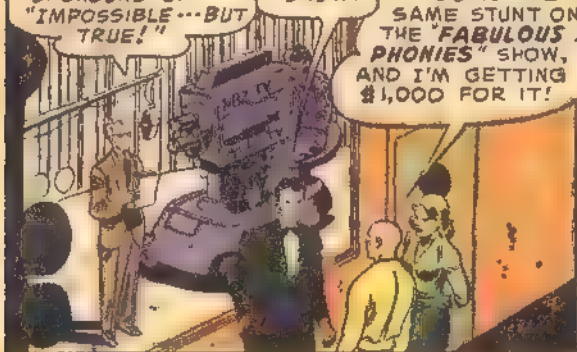
AT THE CLOSE OF THE REGULARLY-SCHEDULED  
SHOW ON SATURDAY EVENING...

THIS PROGRAM WAS  
BROUGHT TO YOU BY  
THE JELKO MOTOR  
BOAT COMPANY,  
SPONSORS OF  
"IMPOSSIBLE...BUT  
TRUE!"

CONGRATULATIONS!  
YOU WERE  
THE HIT OF  
TONIGHT'S  
SHOW!

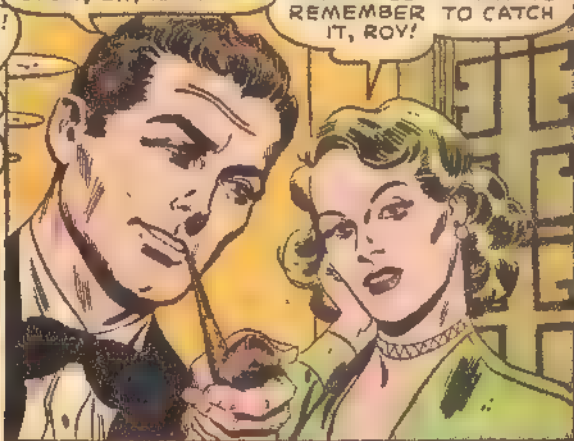
THIS  
IS  
NOTHING!

TOMORROW  
NIGHT I'M  
DOING THE  
SAME STUNT ON  
THE "FABULOUS  
PHONIES" SHOW,  
AND I'M GETTING  
\$1,000 FOR IT!



THE "FABULOUS PHONIES?"  
THAT MUST BE A NEW  
SHOW, EH, KAREN?

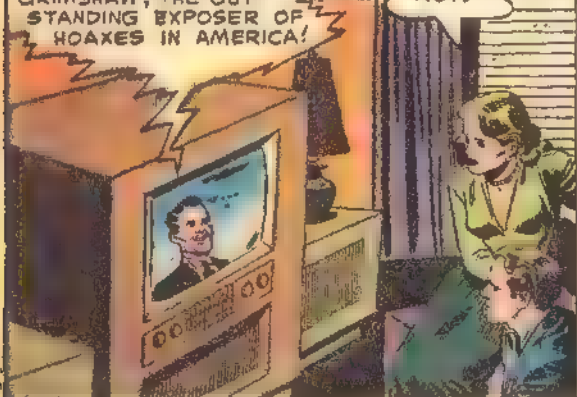
MM...PROBABLY  
ON ANOTHER NET-  
WORK! LET'S TRY TO  
REMEMBER TO CATCH  
IT, ROY!



ACCORDINGLY, THE NEXT EVENING...

EVENIN', FOLKS...YOU'RE NOW  
WATCHING THE "FABULOUS  
PHONIES" SHOW! PRODUCED  
AND DIRECTED BY ROGER  
GRIMSHAW, THE OUT-  
STANDING EXPOSER OF  
HOAXES IN AMERICA!

WELL, OF  
ALL THE  
NERVE! STEAL-  
ING YOUR  
INTRODUCTION,  
ROY!



AND SOON...

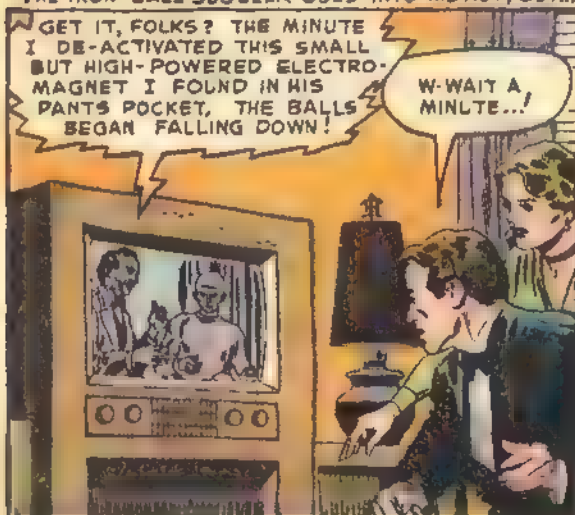
FOLKS, THIS IS THE STUNT  
THAT FOOLED A CERTAIN  
PARTY ON ANOTHER NETWORK!  
BUT IT WON'T FOOL ME!

THAT'S WHAT  
HE THINKS!





THE IRON-BALL JUGGLER GOES INTO HIS ACT, BUT...

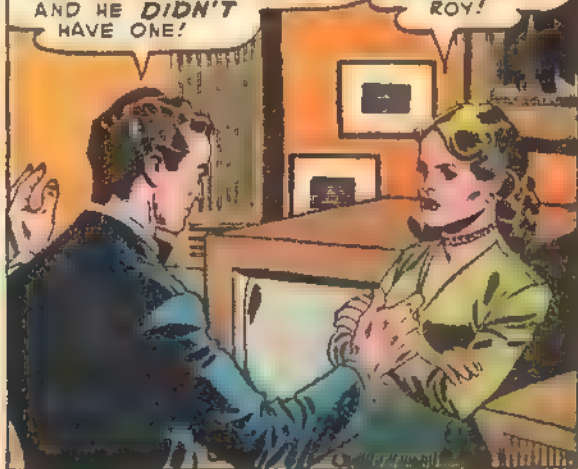


GET IT, FOLKS? THE MINUTE I DE-ACTIVATED THIS SMALL BUT HIGH-POWERED ELECTRO-MAGNET I FOUND IN HIS PANTS POCKET, THE BALLS BEGAN FALLING DOWN!

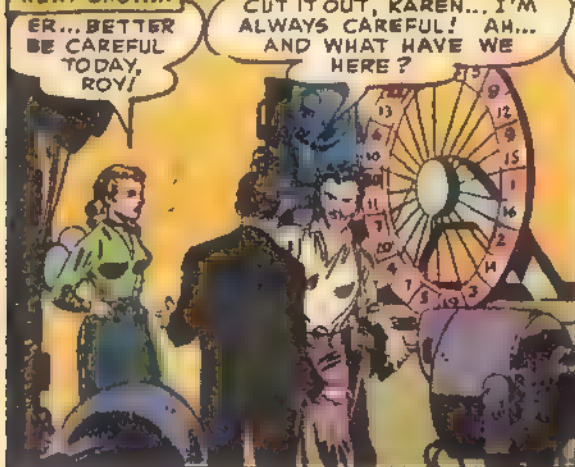
W-WAIT A MINUTE...

KAREN, YOU KNOW I SEARCHED ALL THROUGH HIS POCKETS FOR AN ELECTRO-MAGNET... AND HE DIDN'T HAVE ONE!

Y-YOJ MUST'VE SLIPPED UP SOMEWHERE, ROY!



THEN, AS REHEARSALS ARE STARTED FOR ROY'S NEXT SHOW...



ER... BETTER BE CAREFUL TODAY, ROY!

CUT IT OUT, KAREN... I'M ALWAYS CAREFUL! AH... AND WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

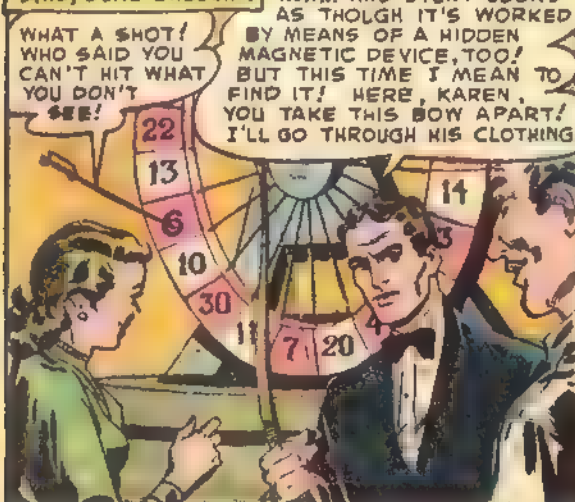
MINUTES LATER...

GOSH... THE WHEEL'S SPINNING SO FAST, I CAN'T MAKE OUT ONE NUMBER FROM ANOTHER!

NEITHER CAN I! JUST THE SAME, I'M GOING TO SHOOT NUMBER 6 RIGHT THROUGH THE MIDDLE WITH MY BOW AND ARROW!



AND, SURE ENOUGH...



WHAT A SHOT! WHO SAID YOU CAN'T HIT WHAT YOU DON'T SEE!

MM... THIS STUNT LOOKS AS THOUGH IT'S WORKED BY MEANS OF A HIDDEN MAGNETIC DEVICE, TOO! BUT THIS TIME I MEAN TO FIND IT! HERE, KAREN, YOU TAKE THIS BOW APART! I'LL GO THROUGH HIS CLOTHING!

BUT...

HE'S... HE'S CLEAN AS A WHISTLE! I'VE GOT TO LET HIM ON THE SHOW!

GREAT! THAT MEANS I'LL COLLECT \$1,000 FROM GRIMSHAW THE NEXT NIGHT ON HIS SHOW!

OH... OH... THERE'S THAT NAME AGAIN!



AND, ONCE AGAIN, TO ROY'S COMPLETE HUMILIATION...

THEN, IN THE NEXT SPLIT SECOND...

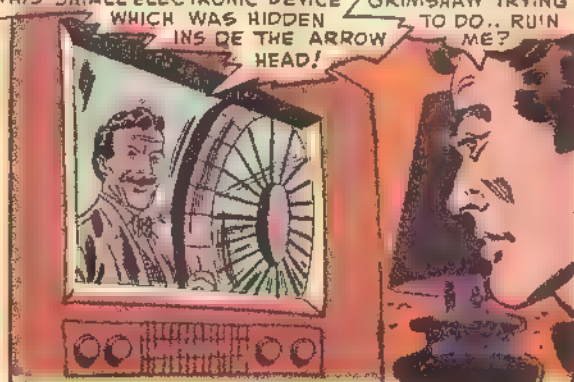
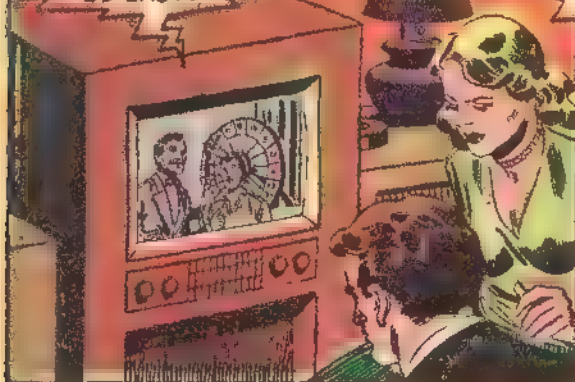
BUT I

FOLKS, THIS TRICKSTER GOT AWAY WITH THIS PHONEY STUNT ON A CERTAIN OTHER SHOW... BUT HE WON'T FIND THIS SHOW QUITE SO EASY!

ROY, I'VE GOT THE MOST AWFUL SENSE OF FOREBODING!

SEE THAT, FOLKS? ON MY SHOW, THE ARROW WENT RIGHT THROUGH THE WHEEL! KNOW WHY? BECAUSE I FIRST REMOVED THIS SMALL ELECTRONIC DEVICE WHICH WAS HIDDEN INSIDE THE ARROW HEAD!

EXAMINED THE ARROW HEAD, TOO... AND THERE WAS NOTHING INSIDE IT! WHAT'S THAT GRIMSHAW TRYING TO DO... RUIN ME?



AND IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE AJAX MOTOR BOAT COMPANY...

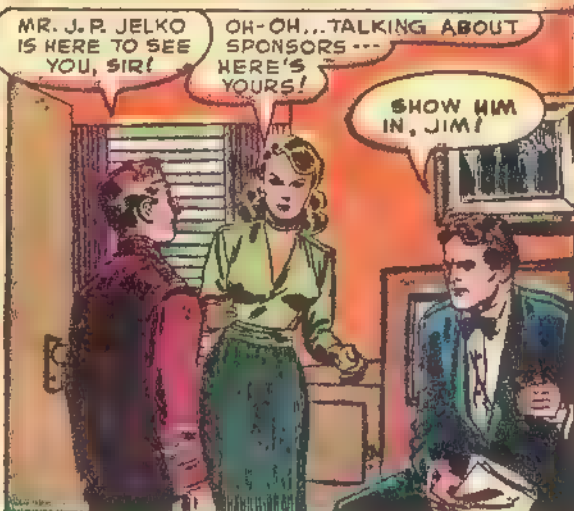
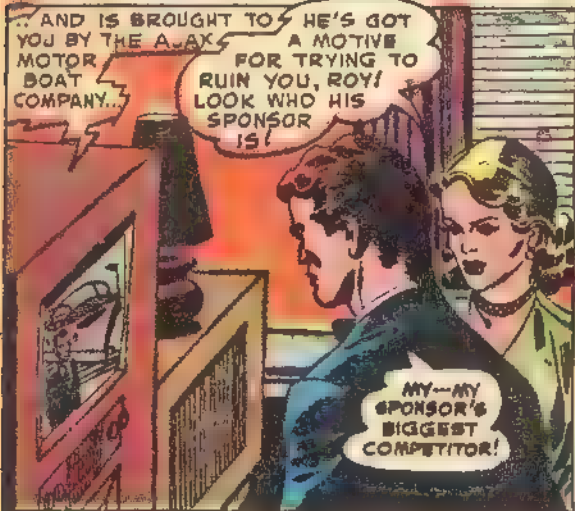
HE'S GOT A MOTIVE FOR TRYING TO RUIN YOU, ROY! LOOK WHO HIS SPONSOR IS!

MY--MY SPONSOR'S BIGGEST COMPETITOR!

MR. J. P. JELKO IS HERE TO SEE YOU, SIR!

OH-OH... TALKING ABOUT SPONSORS --- HERE'S YOURS!

SHOW HIM IN, JIM!



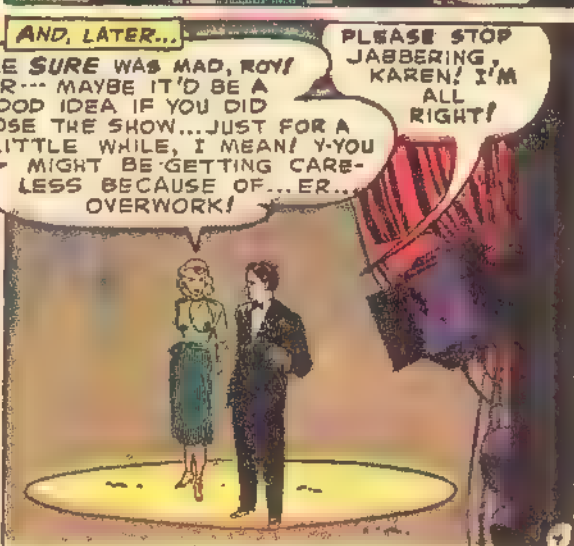
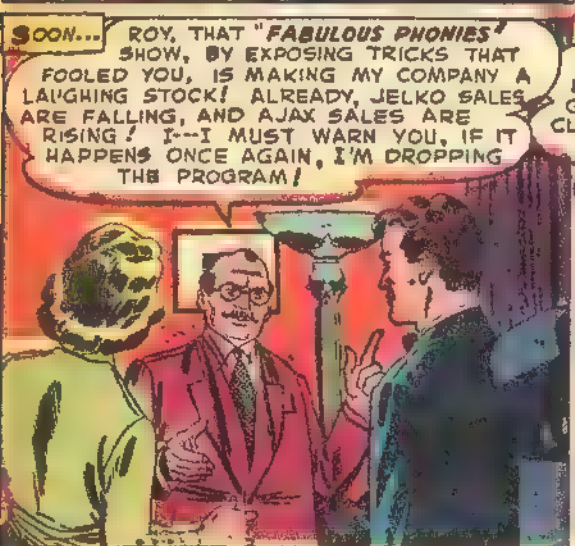
SOON...

ROY, THAT "FABULOUS PHONIES" SHOW, BY EXPOSING TRICKS THAT FOOLED YOU, IS MAKING MY COMPANY A LAUGHING STOCK! ALREADY, JELKO SALES ARE FALLING, AND AJAX SALES ARE RISING! I--I MUST WARN YOU, IF IT HAPPENS ONCE AGAIN, I'M DROPPING THE PROGRAM!

AND, LATER...

HE SURE WAS MAD, ROY! ER--- MAYBE IT'D BE A GOOD IDEA IF YOU DID CLOSE THE SHOW... JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE, I MEAN! Y-YOU MIGHT BE GETTING CARELESS BECAUSE OF... ER... OVERWORK!

PLEASE STOP JABBERING, KAREN! I'M ALL RIGHT!



THE NEXT DAY, AS ROY RESUMES REHEARSALS...

POOR ROY! I---I CAN TELL HE'S NERVOUS ABOUT STARTING TODAY'S REHEARSALS! NO WONDER! ONE MORE MISTAKE, AND HIS CAREER IS FINISHED! W-WISH I COULD DO SOMETHING!



HE'S SO EXCITED, HE EVEN FORGOT TO PUT HIS WATCH BACK ON! THAT'S PROBABLY HOW HE LOST IT THE LAST TIME! I.. I WONDER IF ROY IS SLIPPING! EVEN...EVEN CHAMPIONS GET KNOCKED OUT AFTER A WHILE!

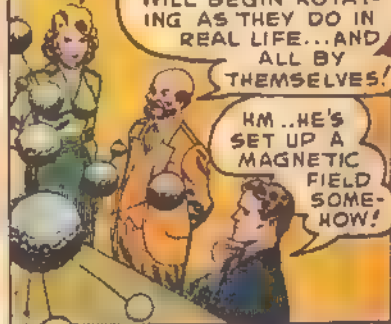


AT LENGTH, AFTER ROY EXPOSES A COUPLE OF TRICKSTERS...

AN EXACT REPLICA OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM! VERY IMPRESSIVE, BUT WHY SHOULD IT INTEREST US?

IT WILL, THE MOMENT I CUT THOSE STRINGS! FOR THEN, THE PLANETS WILL BEGIN ROTATING AS THEY DO IN REAL LIFE...AND ALL BY THEMSELVES!

HM...HE'S SET UP A MAGNETIC FIELD SOMEHOW!



BUT, AS THE STRINGS ARE SEVERED...

I---I DON'T GET IT... GRIMSHAW SAID IT WOULD ABSOLUTELY WORK! THAT PUNK.. NOW I WON'T GET THAT \$1,000!

HM...

THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY, ROY! AND BY THE WAY, DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT YOUR WRIST WATCH...YOU LEFT IT ON THE BASIN!



JUST THEN...

HERE YOU ARE, MY FRIEND! I'LL GIVE YOU \$1,000 FOR THIS WHOLE SET-UP!

IT'S A DEAL!

ROY, HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY? \$1,000 FOR THIS JUNK?



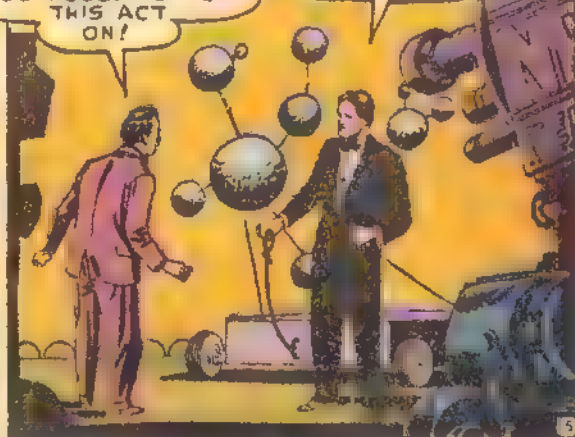
NOT QUITE, KAREN! THIS ACT WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR ON GRIMSHAW'S "FABULOUS PHONIES" SHOW...AND I'M GOING TO SEE TO IT PERSONALLY THAT IT DOES!



THUS, THE NEXT EVENING...

WAIT A MINUTE...YOU'RE NOT THE ONE WHO'S SUPPOSED TO PUT THIS ACT ON!

MAYBE NOT... BUT I'M THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO DO IT, GRIMSHAW!





# DETECTIVE COMICS



IN THE NEXT MOMENT, AS ROY SEVERS THE STRINGS HOLDING UP THE PLANETS...

R-ROY, YOU CUT THE STRINGS, BUT THE PLANETS ARE MOVING AS THEY DO IN REAL LIFE!

GO ON, GRIMSHAW... EXPOSE ME, AS YOU WERE GOING TO EXPOSE THE ONE YOU EXPECTED!

I---I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

THEN I'LL EXPOSE IT! MY WRIST WATCH WAS STOLEN BY GRIMSHAW, AND FITTED UP WITH A SMALL BUT POWERFUL ELECTRONIC ACTIVATOR AND MAGNET... AND THEN RETURNED TO ME! YOU SEE, I SUSPECTED HOW IT WAS DONE... BUT WHEN I SEARCHED FOR THE GIMMICK, I LOOKED EVERYWHERE BUT WHERE IT WAS... ON ME!

NOTICE? WHEN I DE-ACTIVATE THE DEVICE, THE FIELD IS BROKEN, AND THE INFLATED "PLANETS" FLOAT AWAY! THE SAME GIMMICK WAS USED TO CONTROL THOSE IRON BALLS AND THE BOW AND ARROW!

B-BUT, ROY... HOW'D YOU GUESS?

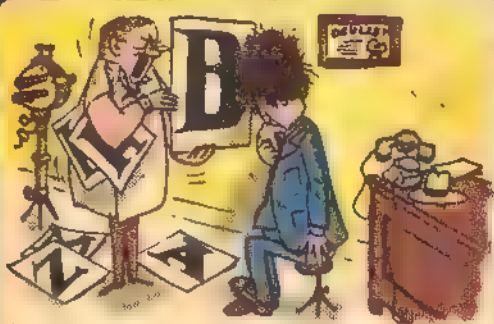
YOU REMEMBER, KAREN! IT WAS WHEN I TOOK THE WATCH OFF AT THE BASIN! AS I SAID, MY MISTAKE WAS IN SEARCHING GRIMSHAW'S STOOGES, INSTEAD OF MYSELF!

SO WHAT? OUR SPONSORS ARE THE BIGGEST MANUFACTURERS OF MOTOR BOATS IN THE COUNTRY. YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO ME BECAUSE I GAVE YOU SOME COMPETITION, CAN YOU?

YOU'RE RIGHT, GRIMSHAW... BUT I CAN DO PLENTY TO YOU FOR... **STEALING MY WATCH!** TAKE THIS **FABULOUS PHONEY** AWAY, OFFICER!

THE END...

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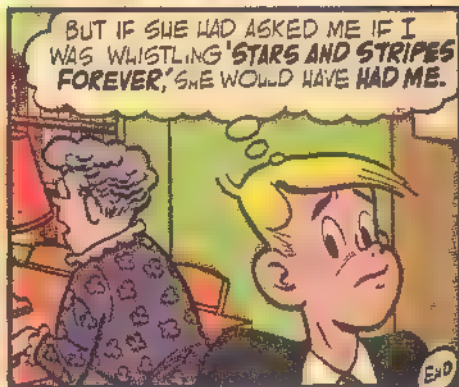
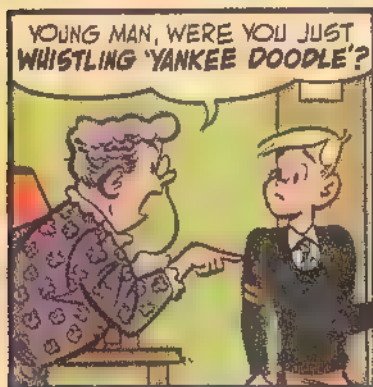
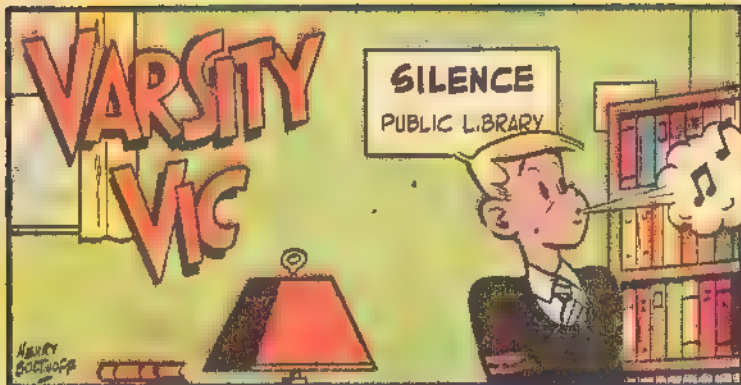
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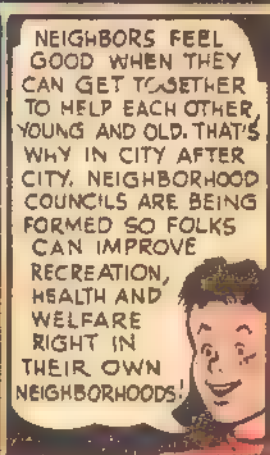
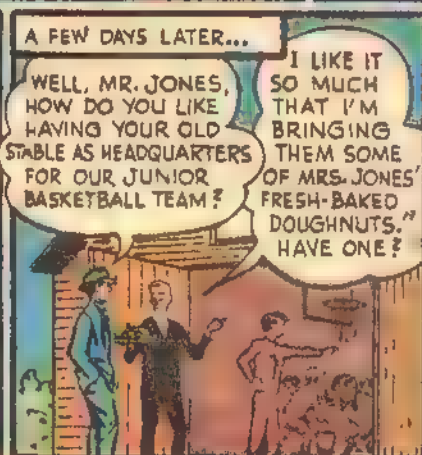
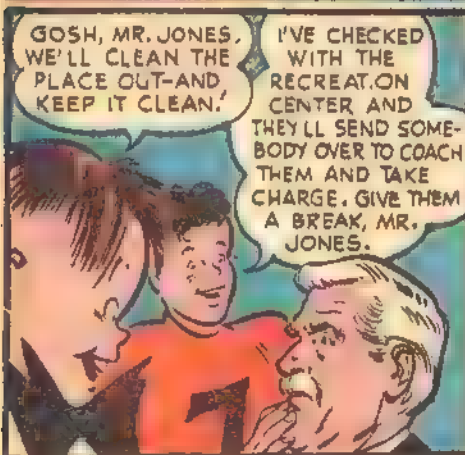
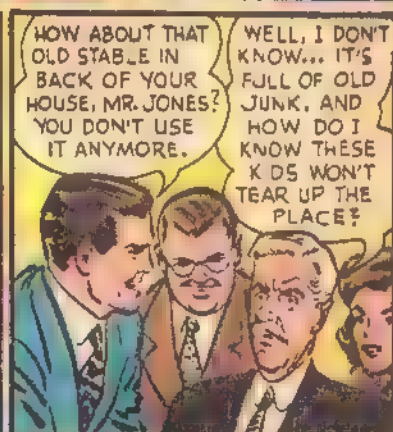
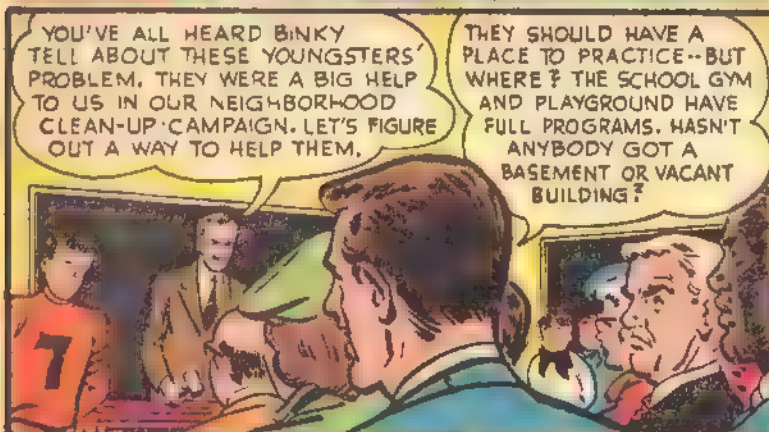
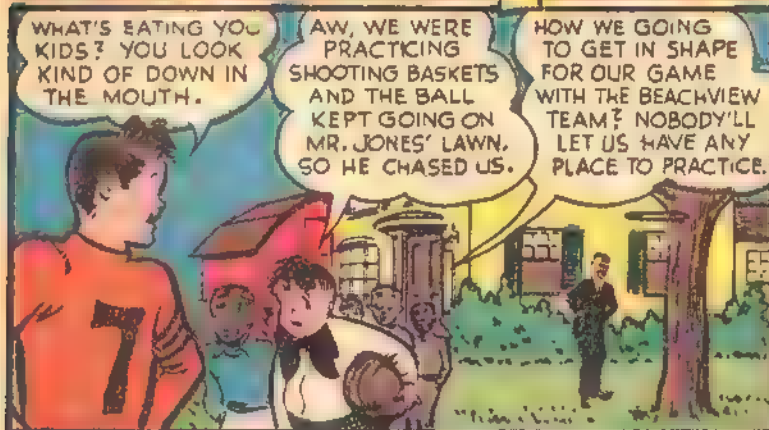
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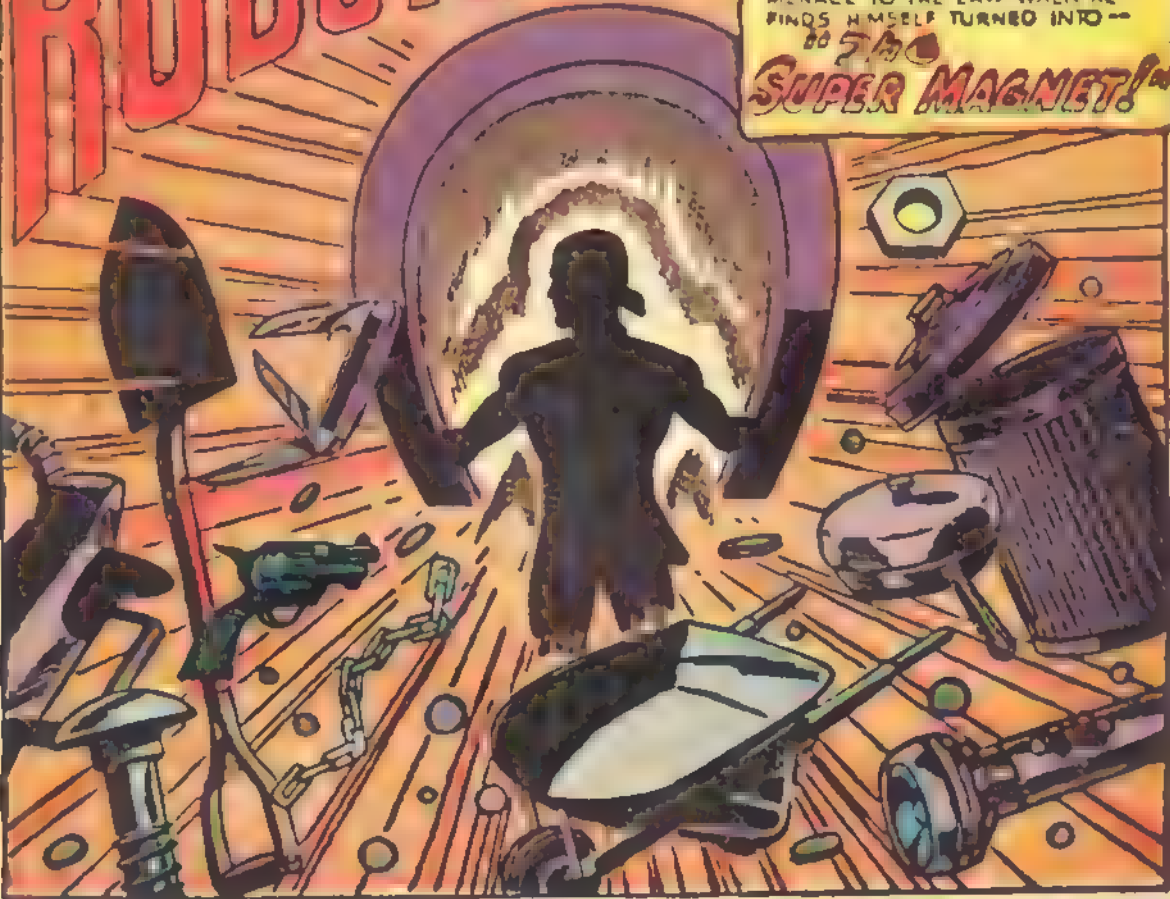
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# ROBOTMAN

THE UNDERWORLD GOES WILD WHEN AN EXPERIMENT BACKFIRE, AND **ROBOTMAN** FINDS HIMSELF A BANE TO THE POLICE INSTEAD OF A BOON. FOR THE MAN OF METAL BECOMES A STRANGE NEW MENACE TO THE LAW WHEN HE FINDS HIMSELF TURNED INTO--

**DO 540  
SUPER MAGNET!**



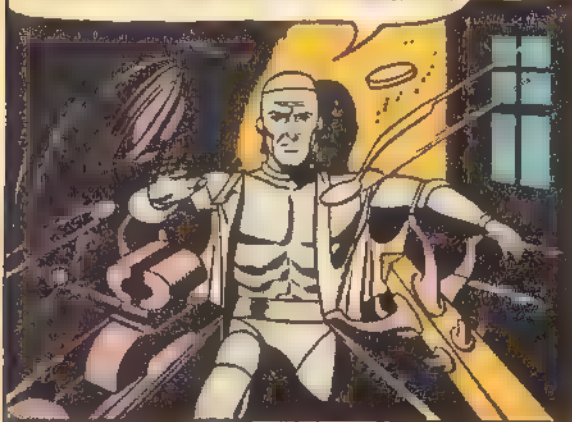
IT IS EARLY EVENING IN THE LABORATORY WHERE PAUL DENNIS, SECRETLY **ROBOTMAN**, EXPERIMENTS WITH THE FORCES OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING.

GOT TO FINISH THIS EXPERIMENT BY TOMORROW. I HAVE AN ENGAGEMENT TO GIVE A DIVING EXHIBITION THAT-- SOMETHING'S WRONG!

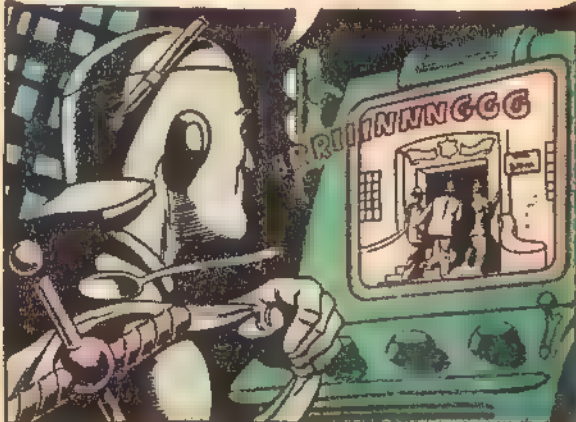


AS THE MAN-MADE LIGHTNING BOLTS SUBSIDE, A RAIN OF METAL OBJECTS FLIES TOWARD PAUL DENNIS...

NOTHING CAN HARM MY STEEL BODY! I'M ALL RIGHT, BUT-- WHAT'S HAPPENING? ALL THE METAL OBJECTS IN THE ROOM ARE COMING TOWARD ME.

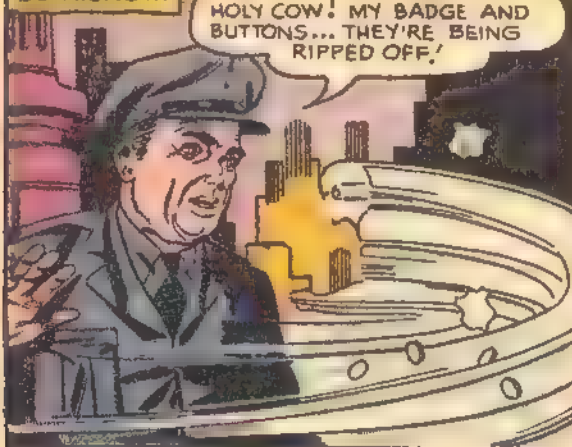


I'VE TURNED INTO A **HUMAN MAGNET!** THE ELECTRICITY MY METAL BODY ABSORBED IN THAT EXPLOSION HAS FLOODED ME WITH MAGNETIC CURRENTS! OH-OH--MY PRIVATE ALARM SYSTEM! WARNING ME THAT A ROBBERY IS TAKING PLACE JUST OFF TRIBUNE CIRCLE!

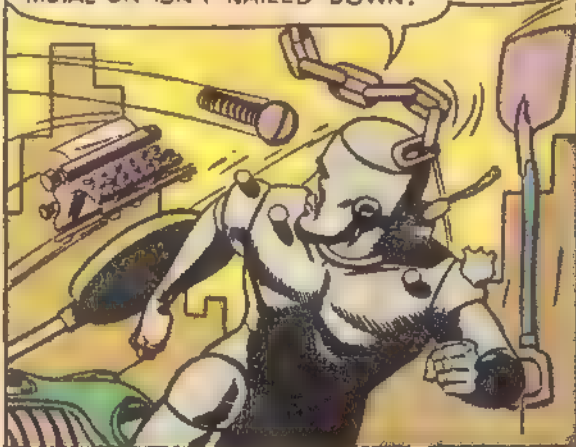


BUT AS THE MAGNETIZED MAN OF METAL RACES DOWN THE STREET TO ANSWER THE EMERGENCY SUMMONS...

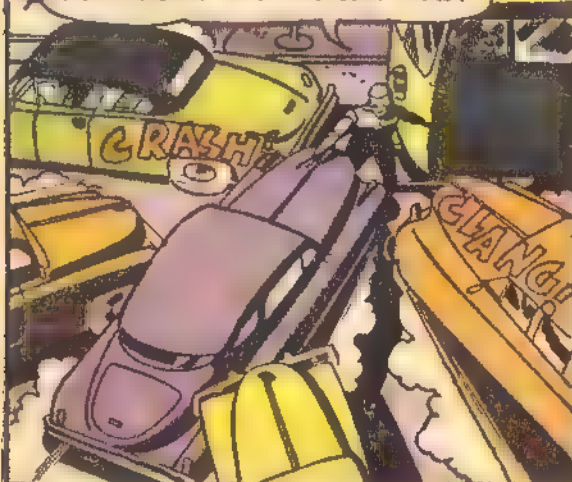
HOLY COW! MY BADGE AND BUTTONS... THEY'RE BEING RIPPED OFF!



I WAS AFRAID OF THIS! MY MAGNETIC BODY IS ATTRACTING EVERYTHING IN THE VICINITY THAT'S METAL OR ISN'T NAILED DOWN.



GOOD GRIEF! EVEN TROLLEY CARS!



LOOK! IT'S **ROBOTMAN!** HE'S GOT CARS AND STANCHIONS AND MANHOLE COVERS STUCK ALL OVER HIM!

AMAZING! HE MUST HAVE TURNED INTO A **SUPER-MAGNET!** WOW! WHAT A STORY **THIS** WILL MAKE FOR THE PAPER!



NEWSPAPER HEADLINES SCREAM THE TRAGIC NEWS...

GET A LOAD OF THIS! **ROBOTMAN** A MAGNET! UNABLE TO MOVE EVEN FIFTY FEET WITHOUT BEING BURIED UNDER HURLING METAL, **ROBOTMAN** IS AT PRESENT INEFFECTIVE AGAINST THE UNDERWORLD!



MEANWHILE, AS **ROBOTMAN** LAYS LOW IN HIS APARTMENT, INSULATED BY A LARGE RUBBER SHEET...

WHAT A MESS! AS PAUL DENNIS, I'M SUPPOSED TO GIVE A DIVING EXHIBITION AT THE ELITE POOL TOMORROW... BUT HOW CAN I APPEAR WITHOUT REVEALING THAT I'M REALLY **ROBOTMAN**? MY BODY WILL ATTRACT EVERY METAL OBJECT IN THE VICINITY!



LOOK-- I'M WEARING **STEEL**-RIMMED GLASSES! IF THEY FLY OFF TOMORROW AT THE DIVING EXHIBITION PAUL DENNIS IS GIVING-- IT WILL **PROVE** HE'S **ROBOTMAN**!

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE LATCHED ONTO SOMETHING AT THAT!



WHAT A BREAK! FROM NOW ON WE'LL ARRANGE TO HAVE BIG METAL THINGS AROUND US WHENEVER WE PULL A JOB-- AND **ROBOTMAN** WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP US! LET'S GET TO WORK!



AT THAT VERY MOMENT OUTSIDE...

YOU KNOW, BILL, I'VE BEEN WORKING ON A HUNCH--THAT **ROBOTMAN** IS REALLY PAUL DENNIS! DENNIS HAD A LAB ACCIDENT WHILE EXPERIMENTING WITH ELECTRICITY--AND NEXT THING YOU KNOW, **ROBOTMAN** HAS TURNED INTO A MAGNET!



THIS IS WORSE THAN EVER! IF I DON'T SHOW UP, IT'LL BE JUST AS BAD AS WHEN I DO! IT'S A CINCH I CAN'T WALK AROUND WITH THIS NON-CONDUCTING RUBBER SHEET WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE ME! WHATEVER I DO-- I'M SUNK!



THAT NIGHT, THE ALARM BELLS SOUND ONCE AGAIN IN **ROBOTMAN'S** LABORATORY, AND A MOMENT LATER...

I'M GOING TO TRY AND STOP THOSE CROOKS, MAGNETISM OR NOT, I'LL REACH THE JEWELRY STORE THEY'RE ROBBING BY BACK STREETS, WHERE THERE'S NO TRAFFIC.'



BUT WHEN **ROBOTMAN** HURTTLES FORWARD TOWARD THE ROBBERS...

**IRON FENCES**-- PLANTED HERE BY THE CROOKS BEFORE THE ROBBERY, AND I'M DRAWING THOSE FENCES TOWARD ME.'



HA! HA! THIS SURE IS A *TREAT* FOR US, **ROBOTMAN**, TRY AND STOP US TOMORROW NIGHT, TOO, AT THE PALACE OF SPORTS, HA! HA!

CAN'T BUDGE THESE THINGS IN TIME, THEY'RE GETTING AWAY AND THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO TO STOP THEM'



FINALLY FREEING HIMSELF OF THE CLINGING METALS, **ROBOTMAN** WALKS HOMEWARD IN A PALL OF GLOOM...

I'M FINISHED! THE UNDERWORLD IS MAKING A LAUGHING STOCK OUT OF ME.'



OF COURSE, THE MAGNETISM WILL EVENTUALLY WEAR OFF, BUT MEANWHILE THE UNDERWORLD WILL RUN WILD! AND HOW ON EARTH AM I GOING TO PROTECT MY IDENTITY OF PAUL DENNIS AT THE POOL TOMORROW? Hmm... I HAVE AN IDEA.'



NEXT DAY, IN THE ELITE SWIMMING POOL DRESSING ROOMS...

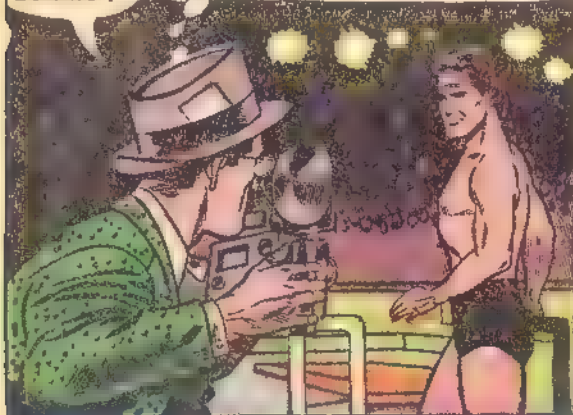
THOSE GLASSES HE'S WEARING WILL BETRAY MY DOUBLE IDENTITY, HE'LL KNOW PAUL DENNIS IS ALSO **ROBOTMAN**! WHAT CAN I DO? Hmm... I HAVE AN IDEA.'



MOMENTS LATER, AT THE EDGE OF THE DIVING PLATFORM...

GOT TO GET NEARER--SO HIS MAGNETIC BODY WILL DRAW MY STEEL-RIMMED GLASSES TO HIM!

HOLD THAT POSE, DENNIS!



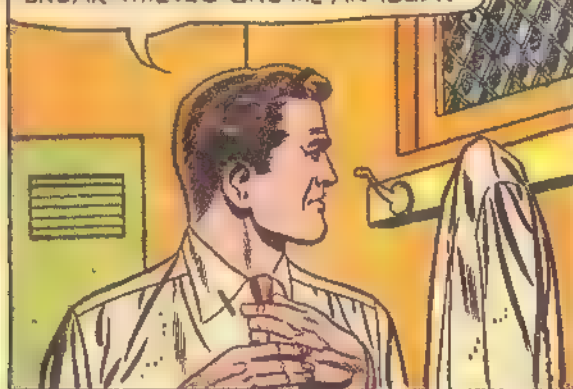
HUH? WHY--MY GLASSES STAYED WHERE THEY WERE! I GUESS PAUL DENNIS ISN'T ROBOTMAN, AFTER ALL.

WELL, I ELUDED THAT TRAP! I WISH I COULD STOP THOSE CROOKS JUST AS EASILY!



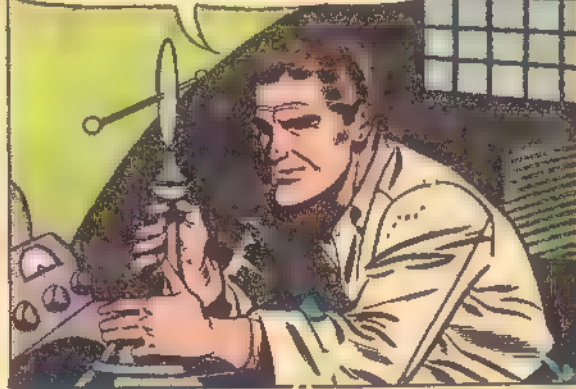
AS HE DRESSES AFTER HIS DIVING EXHIBITION, PAUL DENNIS EYES THE WIRE NETTING THAT GUARDS THE DRESSING-ROOM WINDOWS...

HMMM--THOSE WIRES USED TO KEEP OUT SNEAK-THIEVES GIVE ME AN IDEA!



LATER, IN HIS HIDDEN LABORATORY...

A MAGNETIC CURRENT CAN WORK **TWO** WAYS! THOSE CROOKS HAVE SEEN **ONE** WAY--NOW I'LL SHOW THEM **ANOTHER**!



NOW I'M SET FOR THEM! I'M STILL MAGNETIC, BUT IN A BRAND-NEW WAY! PALACE OF SPORTS--HERE I COME!



AT THE PALACE OF SPORTS, WHERE RARE HISTORICAL SPORTS OBJECTS ARE ON DISPLAY...

MOST OF THESE TROPHIES ARE **SOLID GOLD**! SOME OF 'EM EVEN HAVE EMERALDS AND DIAMONDS IN THEM!

WE'LL MAKE A HAUL HERE THAT'LL HAVE OUR NAMES IN NEWSPAPER HEADLINES!



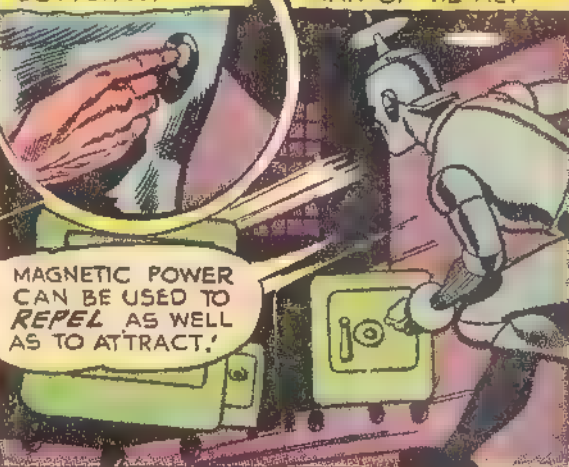
HEY, LOOK! HERE COMES **ROBOTMAN**. DON'T HE EVER LEARN?

ROLL OUT THEM SAFES WE GOT READY FOR HIM! WE EVEN OILED THE WHEELS SO THEY'D GET TO HIM FASTER!



**ROBOTMAN'S** FINGER PASSES A BUTTON...

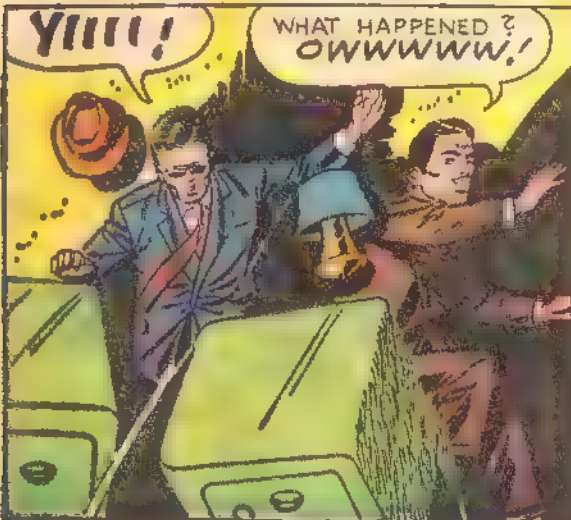
--AND THE IRON SAFES ROLL AWAY FROM THE MAN OF METAL!



MAGNETIC POWER CAN BE USED TO **REPEL** AS WELL AS TO **ATTRACT**!

YUUU!

WHAT HAPPENED? OWWWWW!

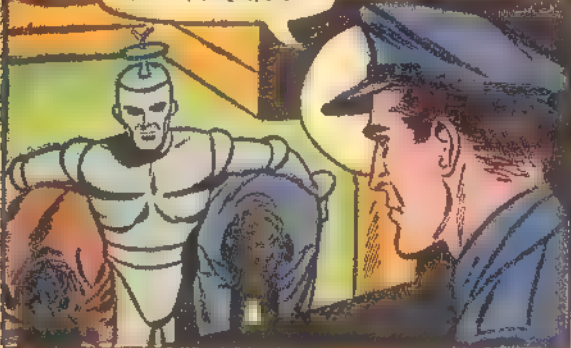


I'LL STEP UP THE JUICE, TO MAKE THOSE METAL THINGS FLY AWAY FROM ME **FASTER** SO THEY'LL HIT THOSE THUGS **HARDER**!



AND SO, AFTER **ROBOTMAN** PICKS UP THE DAZED AND BATTERED CROOKS, AND CARRIES THEM TO THE POLICE STATION...

HOLY SMOKE! **ROBOTMAN** HAS BECOME MAGNETIC TO HUMAN BEINGS, TOO! OR MAYBE I SHOULD SAY-- HUMAN RATS!



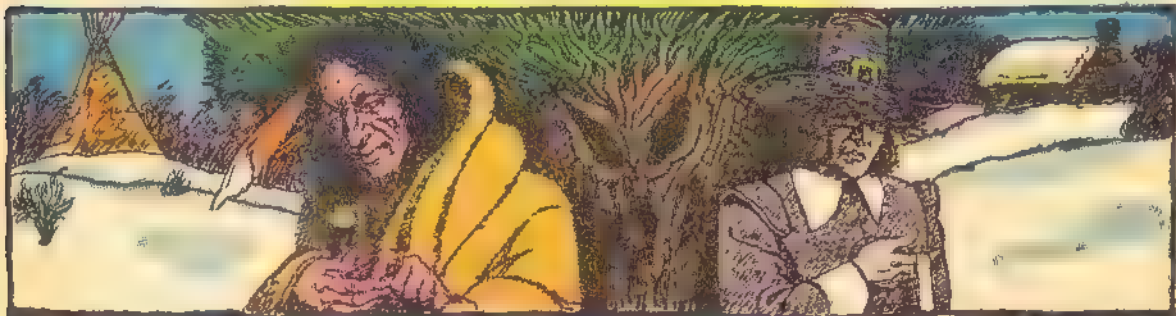
WOW! WHAT A STORY! **ROBOTMAN** PULLS MAGNETIC SWITCH! BECOMES REPULSIVE IN A NICE WAY!

BEST PART IS, MY IDENTITY AS PAUL DENNIS IS SAFE! WHEN I SAW THE CAMERA-MAN IN THE SWIMMING POOL DRESSING-ROOM ROLLING UP HIS SLEEVES TO WASH, I KNEW HE'D HAVE TO REMOVE HIS STEEL-RIMMED GLASSES! I MERELY SUBSTITUTED PLASTIC-RIMMED ONES--THAT WERE **NON-MAGNETIC**--AND MY SECRET WAS SAFE!



THE END

# CAGING THE COUNTERFEITERS



## Making Bad Money Look Good Is No Longer the Business It Used to Be

**T**HE usage of money goes all the way back to prehistoric times. The idea of counterfeiting money goes back almost as far. Anthropologists have proved that in the earliest recorded civilizations, honest men were plagued by fake money.

And, after thousands of years, counterfeiting is still going on. But it is no longer the big business it used to be. The biggest reason for its decline as a major headache to police officials is the extreme difficulty of making *bad* money look *good* enough to fool anyone! Genuine money is printed from hand-made steel engravings, and are produced by top artists.

An artist with the skill to make such an engraving could easily obtain a high-paying job with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. So why should a first-class artist take the chance of ending up in a penitentiary by making good counterfeit money?

Consequently, almost all phony money today is produced by the photoengraving process, by which photographs are taken of both sides of a genuine bill, from which engravings are made. But the fake bills lose much of their clarity in this process, and can be detected by any alert bank teller.

Another reason, and an equally im-

portant one, for the decline of counterfeiting in popularity, is the United States Secret Service! It is no exaggeration to report that no major counterfeiter has ever succeeded in eluding the grasp of the Secret Service since its establishment in 1901.

But for a good many years, the crime of counterfeiting attracted as many participants as the occupation of stealing.

One of the earliest recorded forms of counterfeiting was done by means of carefully clipping coins around the edges. Then the bogus money-makers made fresh coins out of base metal, and used the metal from the clippings to coat the fake coins.

This was a favorite method of counterfeiting during the early days of the Roman Empire, and the authorities, apparently inspired by the clipping method of the counterfeiters, decreed that anyone caught engaging in this occupation would have his ears clipped off.

Then, during the dark days of the decline of the Roman Empire, counterfeiting became a national pastime. Lawyers, merchants, physicians, even the staid Roman Senators, finding their wealth dwindling, went into counterfeiting in a big way.

In the beginning, the State made a number of drives to stamp it out. But it was

a hopeless task. There were as many counterfeit coins as genuine money being passed, and very few people knew the difference.

At length, the State gave up trying to stop it, and did the next best thing. It began manufacturing spurious money itself. By the time Nero ascended the throne, counterfeiting was considered almost a respectable business—and the Fiddler made the most of it!

When the Pilgrims landed in New England, they were amazed to discover that the native Indians had developed a monetary system, using wampum as a base of value.

But what amazed them even more was the discovery that other Indians were making counterfeit wampum!

As you know, wampum consisted largely of strings of shell beads. Genuine wampum was made from quahog clamshells. Fake wampum was made from pieces of cheap white sea shells dyed blue with the juice of wild huckleberries. An Indian tested a string of beads by wetting them and furiously rubbing them together. If the blue color rubbed off, it was junk and not worth anything.

The Pilgrims, on the other hand, tested coins by biting them, then dropping them onto the cobblestones to hear their ring. In time, the Indians learned to ring the Pilgrims' coins on the cobblestones, while the Pilgrims could be seen rubbing wampum beads together.

Unfortunately for the Pilgrims, there was a shortage of coins, but an abundance of wampum. The result was, the Pilgrims soon adopted wampum as their monetary system.

No sooner did this happen, however, than a number of shrewd Indians went into the counterfeiting business with a vengeance. And this led, eventually, to the first anti-counterfeit-wampum law, passed in 1647, the wording of which follows:

"... if the Indians shall offer to put away upon exchange or barter their false peag string beads (wampum) for good, and warrant it to be so, and it be found otherwise, it shall be confiscated to the Public Treasury."

But it wasn't until dozens of undercover factories operated by the white settlers, and devoted exclusively to the manufacture of spurious quahog, were in operation that wampum was dropped as a medium of exchange.

Paper money, in the form of bills of credit, took the place of wampum in 1690. The counterfeiters wasted no time. In the same year, there were already reports of counterfeit bills of credit.

The penalty was stiff: anyone found guilty of making or passing fake bills was sentenced to "sit in the pillory for one hour on a lecture day, and then and there have one ear cut off, and to suffer twelve months' imprisonment."

Throughout our history, counterfeiting has been responsible for major crises in our monetary system—particularly during the early days of our Republic.

During the Revolutionary War, the British devised the idea of using its own printing presses for the purpose of printing phony American dollars. Their hope, of course, was that by flooding the country with fake dollars, a complete collapse of our monetary system would result in a financial panic. This, in turn, they expected, would put a stop to the "senseless Revolution."

These bills became known as Continental dollars. And, to this day, the expression "not worth a Continental" is about the worst insult you can use in appraising the value of an article.

—by Jack E. Miller

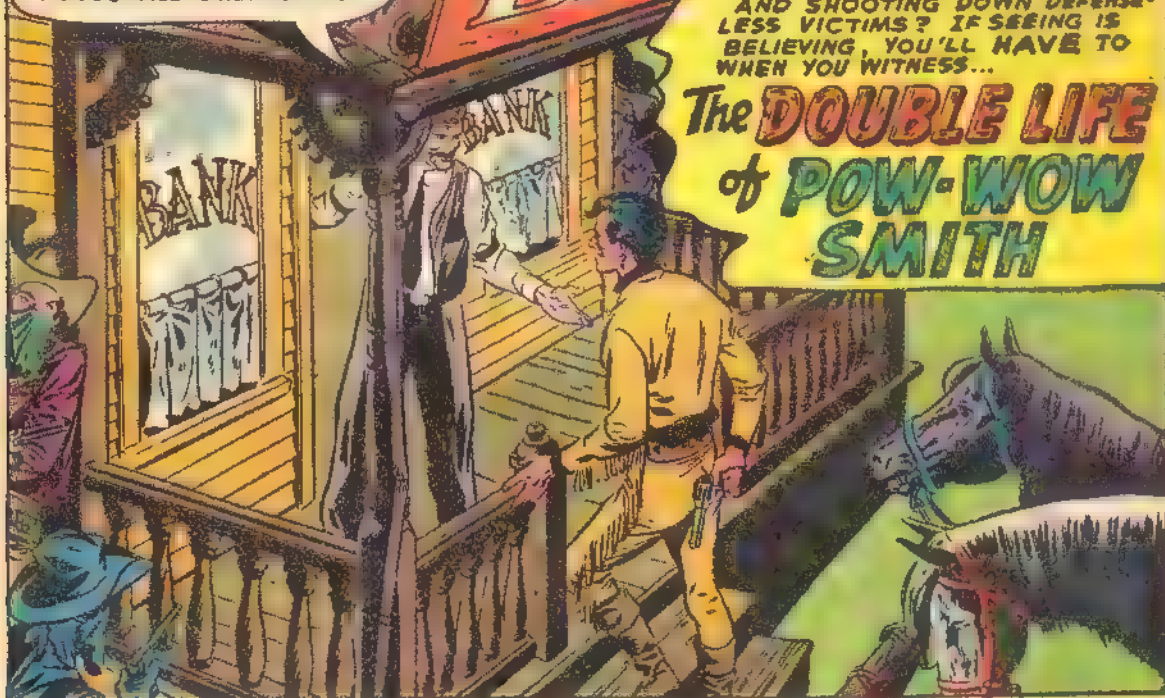
# POW-WOW SMITH

INDIAN  
LAW-  
MAN

COME RIGHT INSIDE, POW-WOW!  
WE'LL FEEL A HEAP SAFER  
WITH YOU ON HAND TO  
DISCOURAGE OWLHOOTERS!

CAN YOU PICTURE POW-WOW  
SMITH CASHING IN ON HIS  
LAWMAN'S FAME BY LEADING  
BANDITS IN DARING RAIDS  
AND SHOOTING DOWN DEFENSE-  
LESS VICTIMS? IF SEEING IS  
BELIEVING, YOU'LL HAVE TO  
WITNESS...

## The DOUBLE LIFE of POW-WOW SMITH



ONE MORNING, AS STATION AGENTS AT JUBILEE  
JUNCTION READY A CASH SHIPMENT FOR THE  
TOWN BANK...

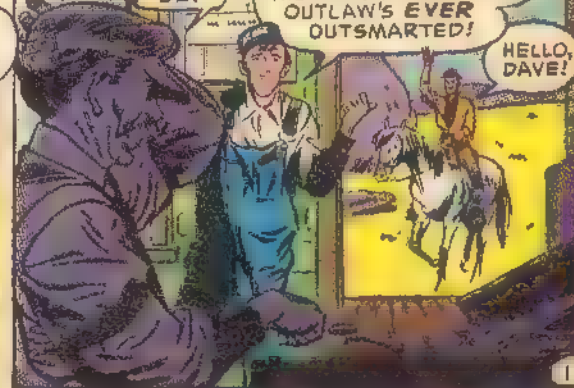
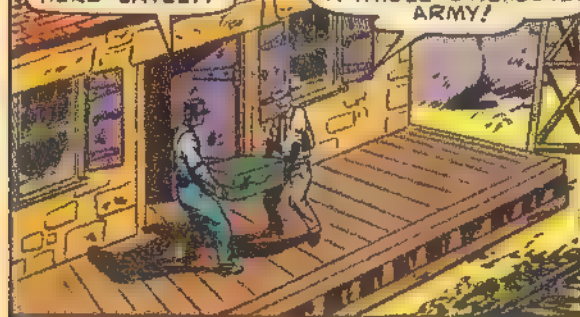
HOPE THE  
BANK VAN ARRIVES SOON,  
ED... ALL THIS MONEY IS  
LIKELY TO ATTRACT THE  
OUTLAW GANG THAT'S  
BEEN OPERATIN' AROUND  
HERE LATELY!

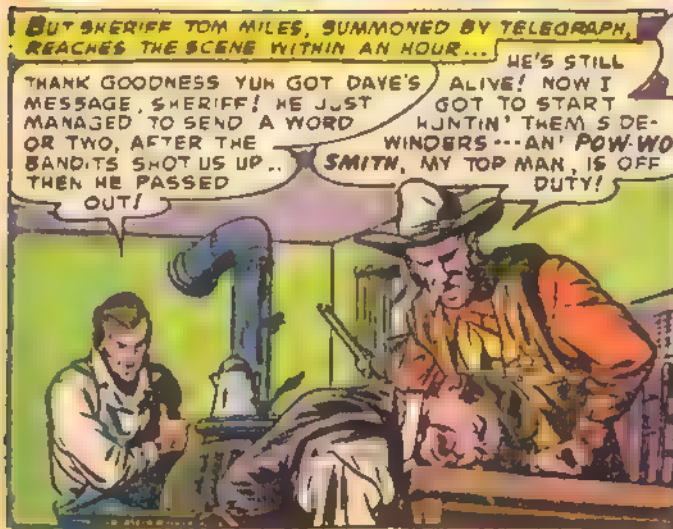
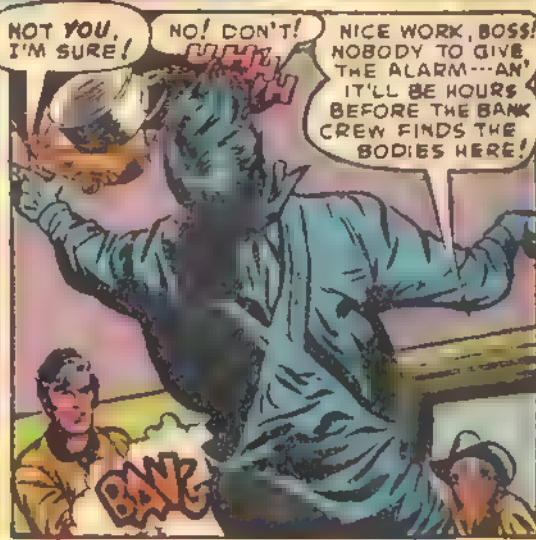
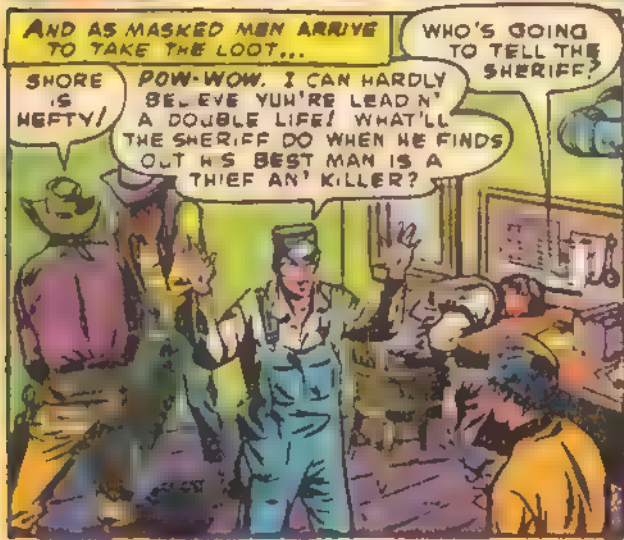
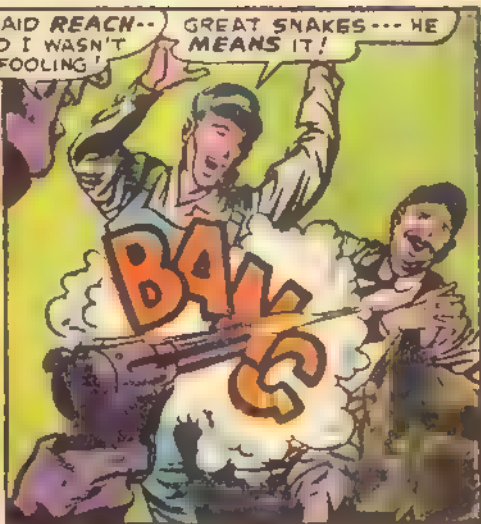
DON'T WORRY...  
LOCKED IN THE  
STATION, BEHIND  
STONE WALLS AN'  
STEEL SHUTTERS, WE  
COULD DISCOURAGE  
A WHOLE OWLHOOTER  
ARMY!

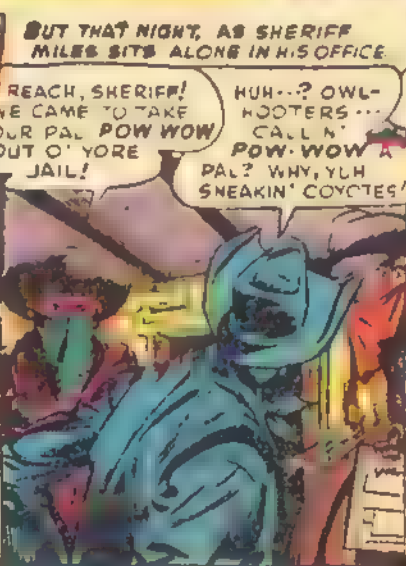
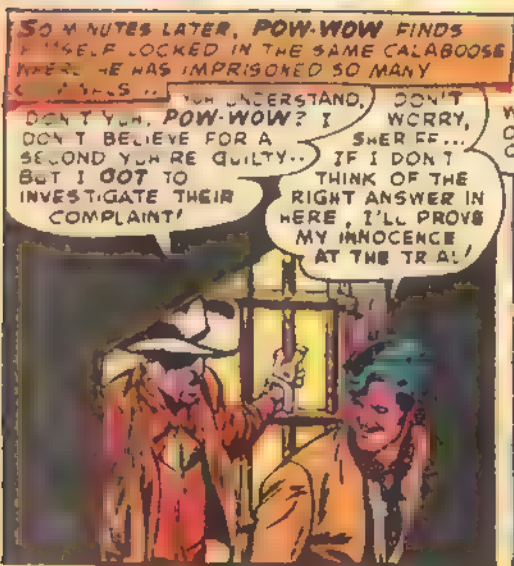
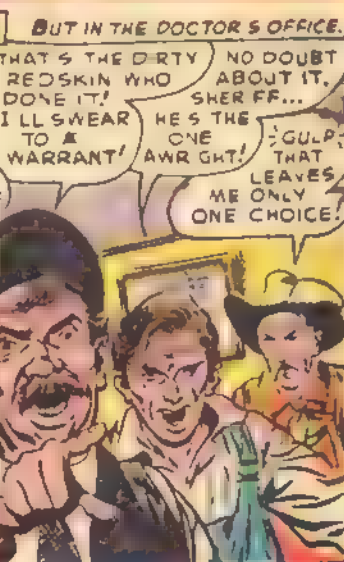
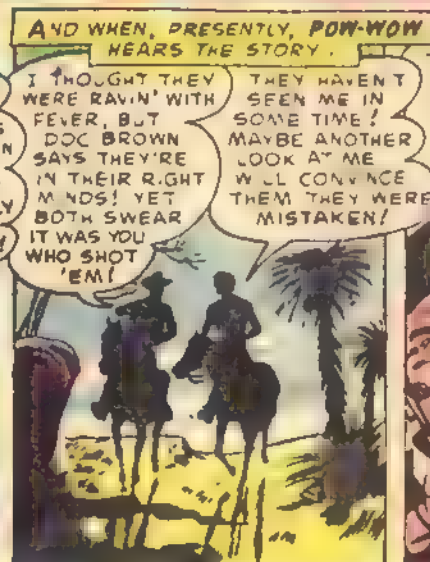
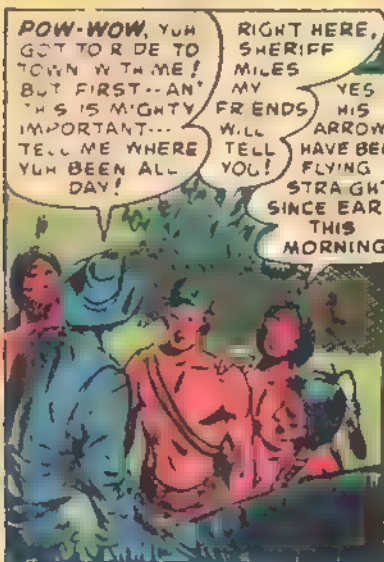
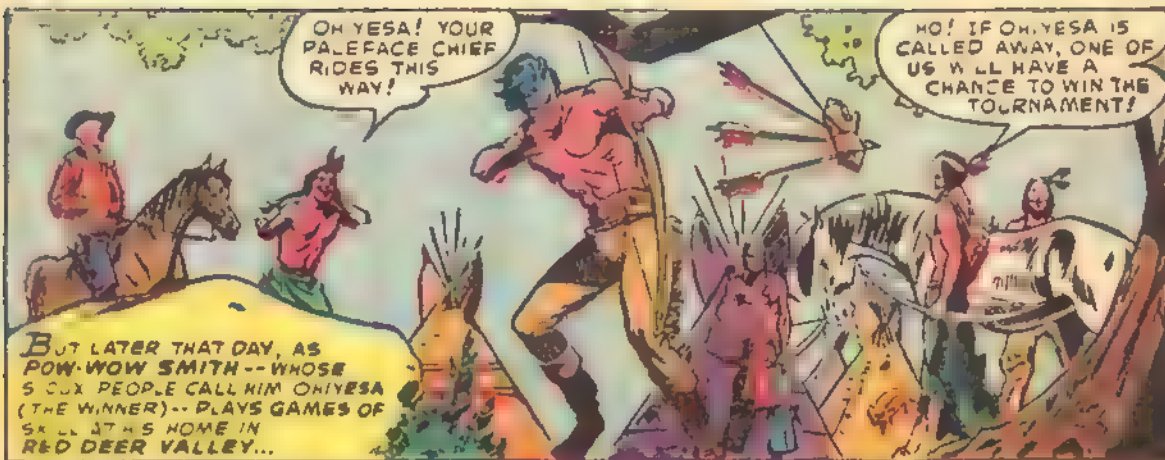
I UNDERSTAND THE  
BANDIT LEADER'S SO  
TRICKY AN' NERVY,  
NOBODY CAN FIGGER  
OUT WHO HE MIGHT  
BE!

WELL, HE BETTER  
KEEP CLEAR O'  
JUBILEE JUNCTION,  
CAUSE HERE COMES  
POW-WOW SMITH,  
THE INJUN DEPUTY NO  
OUTLAW'S EVER  
OUTSMARTED!

HELLO,  
DAVE!







LET'S GO, POW-WOW!  
WE'LL SHOW THE LAW  
IT CAN'T GIT THE  
BEST OF US!

YOU MEN HAVE ME WRONG  
IF YOU THINK I'M REALLY  
AN OUTLAW! ONCE I'M OUT  
OF HERE, MY FIRST JOB WILL  
BE TO PUT YOU N!

AN' YUH GOT **US** WRONG  
IF YUH THINK WE'RE  
TRY'N' TO DO YUH A  
FAVOR! STEP L VELY  
AN' BEHAVE YORESELF  
IF YUH WANT TO KEEP  
LIV'N'!

SINCE YOU PUT IT  
THAT WAY, I CAN'T  
REFUSE! AT LEAST,  
WE UNDERSTAND  
EACH OTHER!



AND WHEN THE SHERIFF REGAINS  
CONSCIOUSNESS, AN HOUR LATER...

GONE! ESCAPIN' WITH THEM OUT-  
LAWS MEANS JUST ONE THING---  
**POW-WOW'S GUILTY!** I'D HAVE  
BET MY LIFE HE WASN'T...  
AN' I'D HAVE LOST!

HE WAS  
MY BEST FRIEND  
BUT I GOT TO  
FORGET THAT! I  
GOT TO GET BUSY  
AN' CATCH HIM NOW  
**DEAD OR  
ALIVE!**

MEANWHILE, MILES AWAY, IN A ROCK CAVE  
IN THE BADLANDS...

WE GOT HIM,  
CHIEF!

GOOD! JUST BE  
SURE YOU HANG  
ONTO HIM!

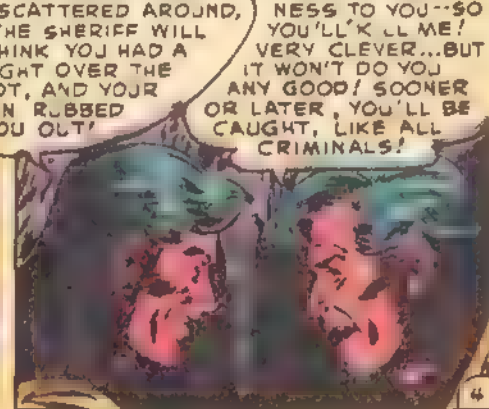


WHAT...? NO WONDER THOSE  
STATION AGENTS WERE  
FOOLED! YOU---YOU'RE  
ME---A PERFECT  
DOUBLE!

ROBBING THEM WAS LIKE  
TAKING CANDY FROM A  
BABY, THANKS TO THE R  
TRUST IN YOU--AND ROBBING  
THE **GLORY GULCH MINE** AT  
DAWN WILL BE JUST AS EASY!  
IT'S PAYDAY--AND THE NEWS  
ABOUT YOUR...ER...TURNING  
OUTLAW HASN'T REACHED  
THERE YET!

WHAT'S MORE, I RIGGED  
YOUR "ESCAPE" SO THAT  
LATER, WHEN YOUR  
BODY'S DISCOVERED  
WITH SOME CASH  
SCATTERED AROUND,  
THE SHERIFF WILL  
THINK YOU HAD A  
FIGHT OVER THE  
LOOT, AND YOUR  
MEN RUBBED  
YOU OUT!

I SEE...ONCE  
PEOPLE STOP  
TRUSTING ME,  
I'LL HAVE OUT-  
LIVED MY USEFUL-  
NESS TO YOU--SO  
YOU'LL KILL ME!  
VERY CLEVER...BUT  
IT WON'T DO YOU  
ANY GOOD! SOONER  
OR LATER, YOU'LL BE  
CAUGHT, LIKE ALL  
CRIMINALS!



IS THIS THE FATE IN STORE FOR THE GALLANT INDIAN LAWMAN? WILL HE BE, ONLY TO BE REMEMBERED AS A TRAITOR TO JUSTICE?

NEXT MORNING, WHEN HIS CRIMINAL DOUBT LEAVES TO COMPLETE THE TREACHERY...

DON'T STRUGGLE, POW-WOW! WE DON'T WANT THAT NOOSE AROUND YOUR NECK TO STRANGLE YOU!

HA, HA... RECKON THERE'LL STILL BE A SPARK O' LIFE LEFT IN HIM WHEN WE'RE READY TO TAKE HIM OUT AN' SHOOT HIM, CHIEF!

LEFT ALONE, SEEMINGLY HELPLESS, THE SIOUX SLEUTH'S NIMBLE WITS FIND INSPIRATION IN THE BANDITS' MOCKING FAREWELL...

A SPARK, HE SAID, AND THERE'S A PIECE OF FLINTROCK ON THE GROUND! IF I CAN JUST GET TO IT WITH MY TEETH, I MAY BE ABLE TO STRIKE SPARKS WITH IT ON THIS STEEL CHEST!



MOMENTS LATER, AS A FIERY SPRAY DRENCHES THE FRAYED END OF THE NOOSE.

IF I CAN KEEP THE ROPE SMOLDERING UNTIL THE NOOSE PARTS, IT WILL BE EASY TO TRANSFER THE FIRE TO THE THINGS AT MY WRISTS!



WILL POW-WOW FREE HIMSELF IN TIME? AT THAT MOMENT, SOME MILES AWAY...

WE'LL WAIT OUTSIDE WHILE YUH CHIN WITH THE PAYROLL GUARDS, HUM, CHIEF? THEN, WHEN YUH WHISTLE, WE'LL RIDE IN SHOOTIN'!

RIGHT! AND WHEN THE SHOOTING STARTS, RUDY--UP THERE WITH THE DYNAMITE-- WILL BLOW DOWN THE CLIFF! THE ONES THAT DON'T GET KILLED IN THE ROCKSLIDE WILL BE TOO RATTLED TO FIGHT!



WHILE IN RED DEER VALLEY, SHERIFF MILES ARRIVES JUST IN TIME TO GET UNEXPECTED NEWS OF THE MAN HE WANTS TO ARREST.

THE SMOKE TALK COMES FROM OHYESA! SEE? HE IS IN TROUBLE! WE MUST RIDE TO HELP HIM!

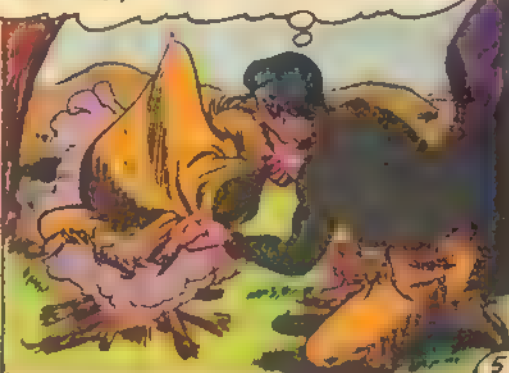
GETTIN' POW-WOW'S TRAIL WITHOUT EVEN HAVIN' TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS! WHATEVER TROUBLE HE'S IN NOW, IT WON'T COMPARE WITH THE TROUBLE HE'LL BE IN WHEN I CATCH HIM!

I'M LUCKY,



AND IN FRONT OF THE BANDITS' CAVE, WHERE THE SMOKE SIGNALS ORIGINATE...

EVEN IF I AM FREE NOW, STOPPING THAT ROBBERY, ALONE AND UNARMED, WON'T BE EASY! BUT IF ANY OF MY PEOPLE SEE THIS, THEY'LL COME RUNNING!



PRESENTLY, ON THE CLIFF THAT OVERHANGS THE MINING OPERATION...

HUH...? GOLLY, CHIEF, YUH SCART ME! I WASN'T EXPECTIN' YUH UP HERE!

ER... I'VE GOT A NEW PLAN! YOU GO DOWN WITH THE OTHERS, AND THEY'LL EXPLAIN! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS DYNAMITE!



AND BELOW, WHERE UNSUSPECTING MINE GUARDS GREET THE DISGUISED OUTLAW LEADER

POW-WOW, IT'S COMFORTIN' TO HAVE YUH CALL ON PAYDAY! WE GOT ENOUGH LOOSE CASH ON HAND TO ATTRACT BADHATS FROM MILES AROUND!

ANY TIME YOL SEE ONE, ANDY, ALL YOU'VE GOT TO DO IS WHISTLE FOR ME... LIKE TH'S!



ABRUPTLY, AS THE SHRILL SIGNAL ECHOES THROUGH GLORY GULCH...

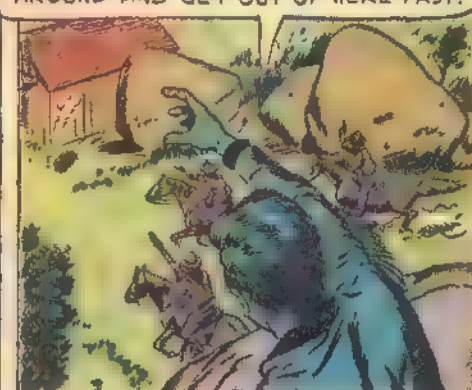
GREAT SNAKES... SPEAKIN' O' BADHATS!

TIME FOR ME TO GET OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE... AND ALSO THE ROCKSLIDE THAT'LL BE COMING DOWN WHEN RUDY SETS OFF THE DYNAMITE!



BUT THERE WON'T BE ANY ROCKSLIDE! FOR AT THIS VERY INSTANT, ATOP THE CLIFF...

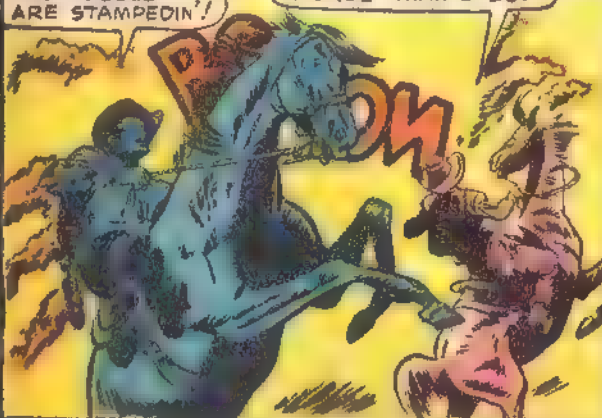
THIS WON'T HURT ANYBODY-- BUT UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS, IT'LL MAKE THOSE BANDITS' HORSES TURN AROUND AND GET OUT OF HERE FAST!



SECONDS LATER, AS THE DYNAMITE LANDS...

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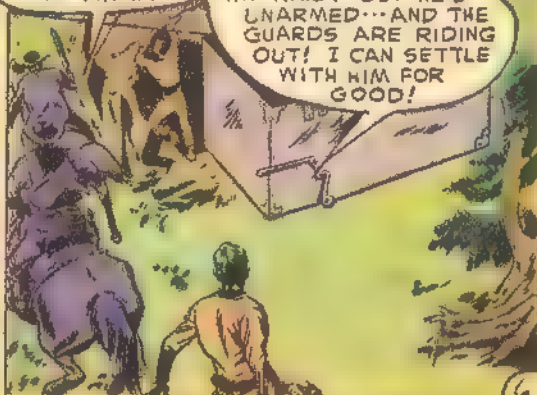
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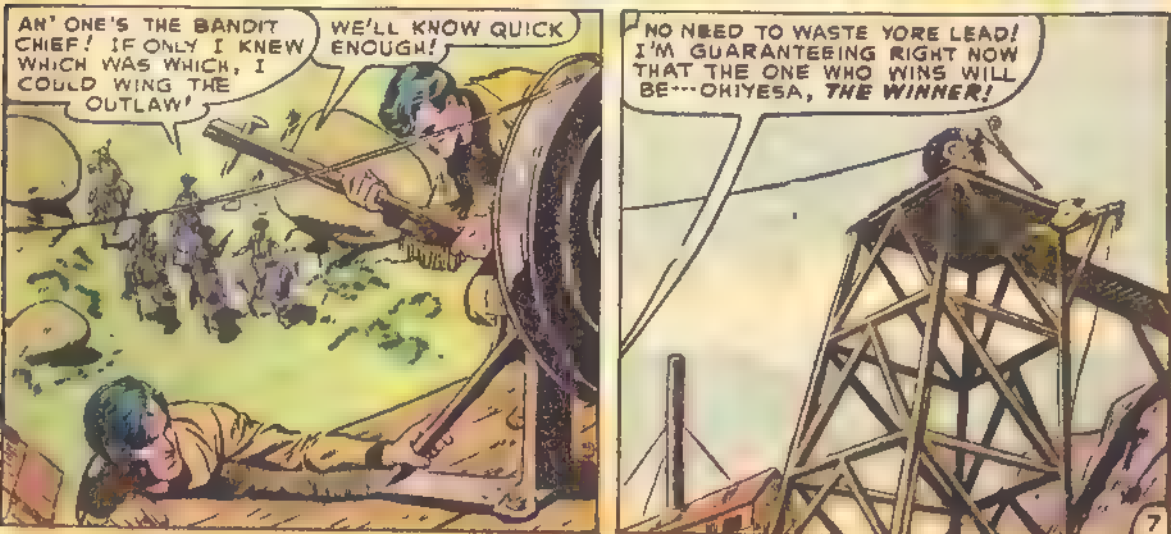
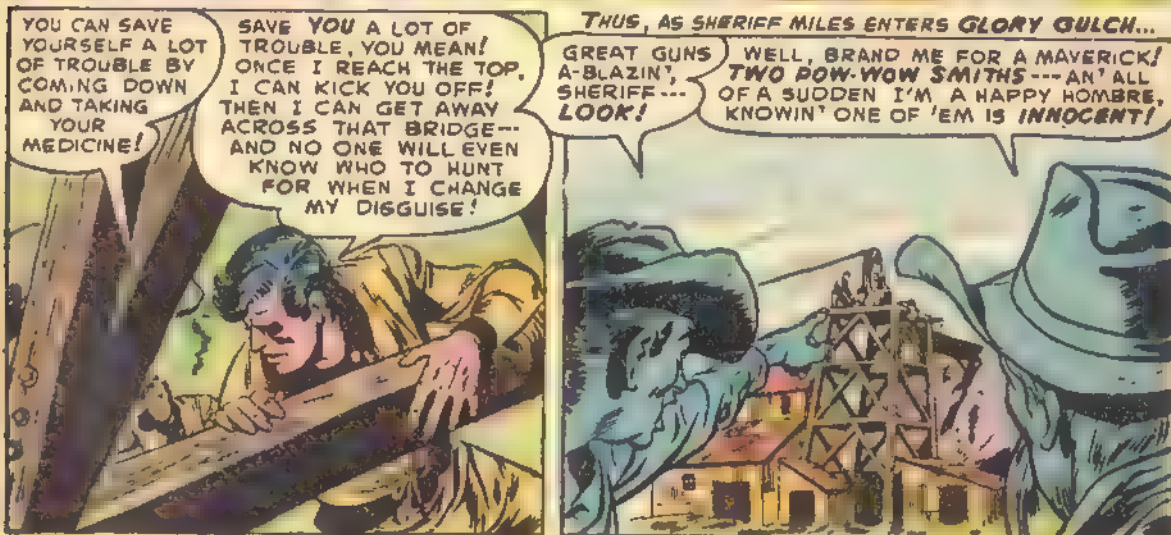
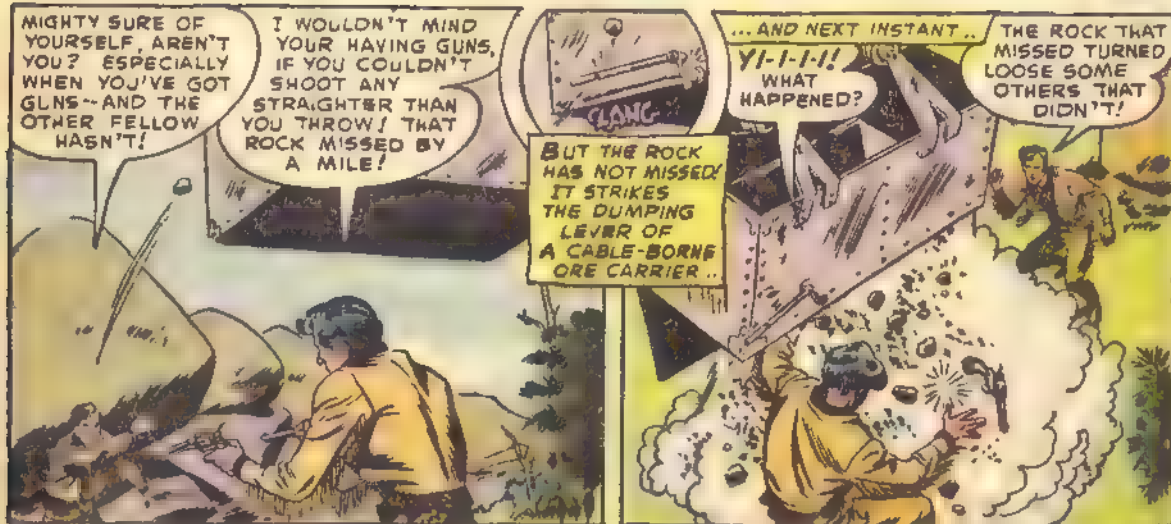


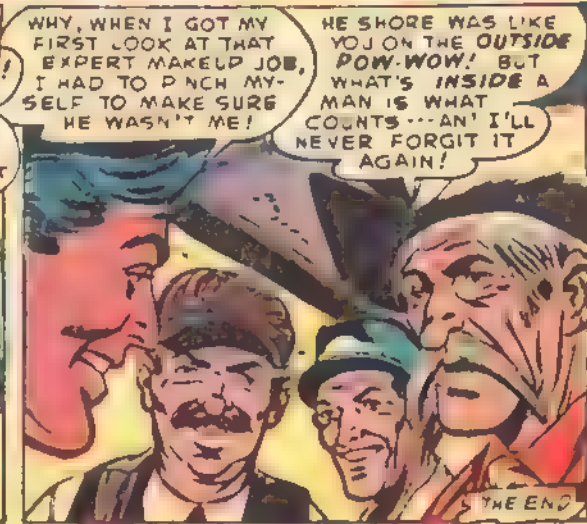
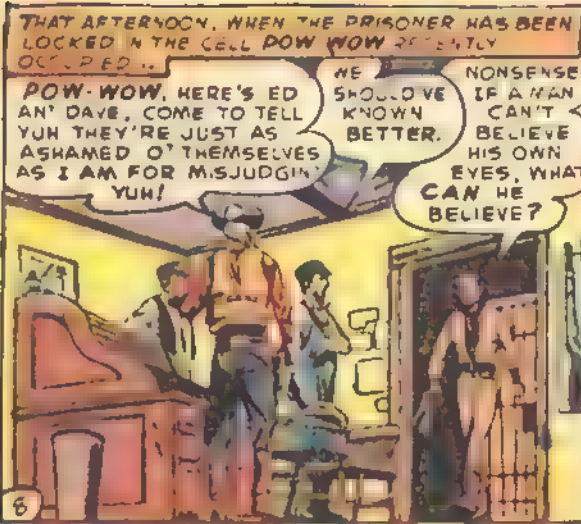
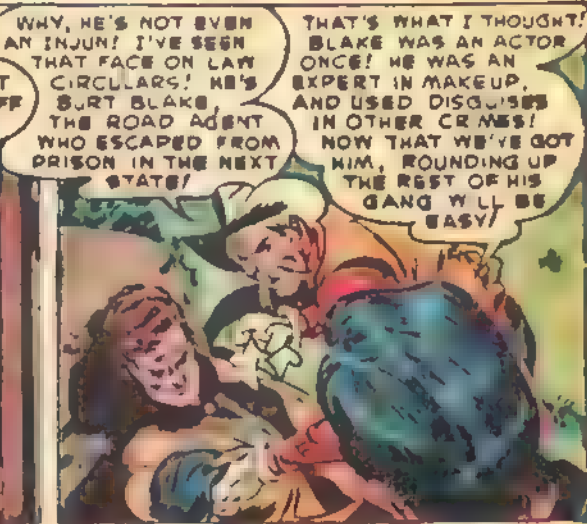
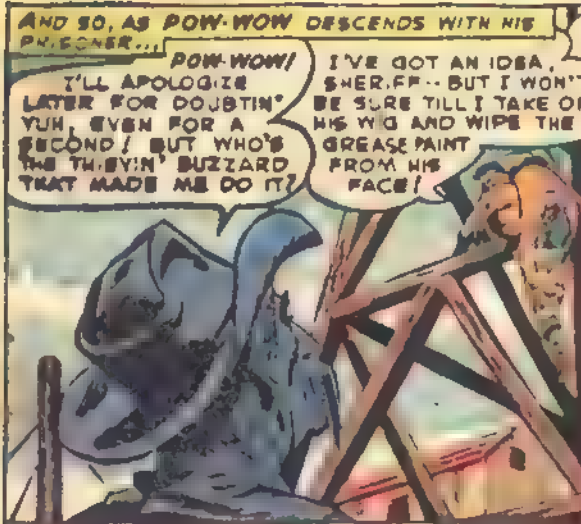
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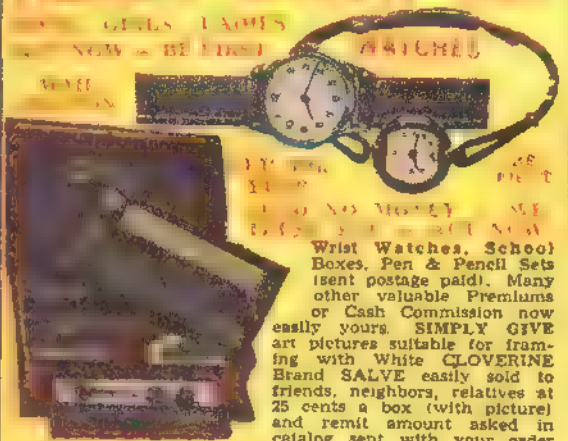
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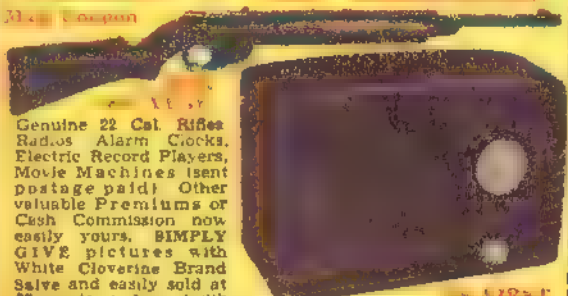
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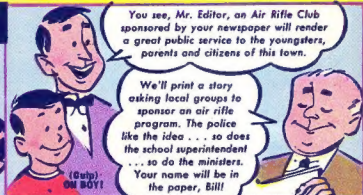
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